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# Welsh miners spearhead a nationwide strike

outh Wales miners go on strike today, aiming ) spread the dispute to the rest of their industry nd beyond and presenting the Government with s most serious challenge from the unions. Piten in Scotland and Kent said they would strike om Monday in protest against the coal board's lan to close Welsh collieries in several areas.

# Government faces its toughest challenge

Paul Routledge

bour Editor The Government today faces most critical challenge from e trade unions since taking fice when the South Wales ters go on strike and seek to ners 30 on strike and seek to read disruption to the rest of a coalmining industry and youd. Mr Emlyn Williams, affield president of the trional Union of Mineworkers TUM), said yesterday: "I pe that every other industry I join us in a strike."

Pickets from the strikebound esh pits are expected to wel to other militant coallds in an effort to intensify a revolt against National Coal ard plans to close collieries d make miners redundant. Miners in Scotland and Kent sterday signalled their intene to strike from next Mony, the day that Mr David well, Secretary of State for ergy, and other ministers set leaders of the mining ions and the coal board for ks on the future of the coal

lustry. The Government is putting enher an emergency package social measures designed to se the board's closure proimproved dusdancy pay and early frement schemes. But Mr

seph Gormley, moderate
seident of the NUM, insisted
t night that such a solution
the crisis was "not on",
te said: "If they think they
buy us off, they have got wrong. They are not on. I nt a long-term formula to not just something to

he coal board yesterday tinued its local meetings h area NUM officials and the impending two more collieries. ture of y are the 83-year-old Newate colliery at Bedworth, rwickshire, which is to be sed by the end of June with loss of 750 jobs; and non Colliery in Burnley, icashire, employing 480 men, ich is to shut because of rave geological difficulties.". ly contrast, union leaders in traditionally militant north thyshire area were told that pits were to be closed in the affeld and they would be led to increase production by 600 tonnes a year to 8,300,000 ines. Area NUM delegates et today in Chesterfield to ide what support they should

d to striking miners in other

Pitmen in the productive and profitable south Nottingham shire area are to hear of their shire area are to hear of their future today, and apart from the accepted closure of New Hucknall colliery, no retrendiment is expected. But when the Scottish miners meet coal board management in Edinburgh tomorrow, the closure of two or three pits will be announced. Pithead meetings in Scotland are to begin on Friday, the day after the NUM national executive meets to hear the outrome.

tive meets to hear the outcome of regional talks with the coal board and decides whether to

recommend a national strike in a secret ballot of the men. Mr Michael McGahey, Scot-Mr Michael McGaney, ocutish miners' president, said yesterday that if there was a strike by miners with steel and rail workers and other trade unionists in support "it would have bested in which the dimenbe a battle in which the dimensions of the strikes of 1972 and 1974 would fade into insignifi cance

Scottish miners would support every area threatened with closure because there was only one coalfield, the British coal-field. An attack on Durham miners was an attack on Scortish miners.

The pattern of closures emerging so far shows a con-centration in the militant coal-fields that might be expected to go on unofficial strike ahead of any decision by the national

executive.

But the moderate areas, including some beavy loss makers: have emerged relatively unscathed, and left wing strategists believe that is a sensefully calculated policy in the part of the board to disarm the moderates so that a official strike action.

Mr Gormley last night appealed in vain to the Welsh miners to hold their fire for the sake of unity in the NUM. Pointing out that a 55 per cent majority was required under union rules to call an all-out stoppage, he said: "There are many people in the country today, even members of the union, who have the ability to go to law to make sure the is against the roles".

He argued that to prevent a national strike, the Government would have to accept that coal imports had to stop and that British coal should be subsidized Moderates angered and fight for

survival, page 2 Pit closures, page 12

Budget refund from European Community lifts balance of payments current account excess to its highest level

# Slump in imports brings record UK trade surplus of £757m last month

By Frances Williams Britain had a record trade

surplus of £757m in January, es, the economic recession brought a slump in imports. The surplus on the balance of payments current account, including invisibles, also soared to the highest level of £957m, boosted by budget refunds from the European Community.

The huge trade aurplus—which is double that in December and nearly £300m greater than the previous highest in October last year—is almost entirely the result of a slump of 11 per cent in the volume of imports, notably of basic materials for industry, Export volumes also fell by nearly 3

Last November, the Tdeasury was predicting a surplus on the balance of payments current account of £2,000m in 1981, the The relative strength of exports in recem months has confounded predictions that

confounded predictions that worsening competitiveness, caused by higher domestic costs and the higher sterling exchange rate, would price exports out of foreign markets. Despite an 11 per cent rise in relative export prices over the latest year, the volume of United Kingdom exports has been broadly steady over the been broadly steady over the last six mouths or so after fall-

This level of exports, though continuing longer than most a continuing upward trend, and economists predicted, is the trading surplus is expected unlikely to be maintained. World markets for British goods are growing more slowly than last year, and competitiveness continuing to deteriorate.

Most forecasters are expecting exports to decline by between 2 per cent and 6 per cent in 1981, with the Treasury putting the figure at 3 per cent, taking into account rising exports of oil in the coming

The surplus on oil trading in January was another record at 1210m. Exports were up by 17 per cent on the menth, and imports were down by about the same amount. Though the

a continuing upward trend, and the trading surplus is expected to go on rising throughout the

year.

The depressed state of British industry, which is now producing no more than it was in 1967, is the main cause of the remarkable plunge in import volumes last month. Imports began to fall away sharply in the first half of last year and the trend has been steadily downwards, though erratic from month to month.

But the size of last month's fall, with no special factors to explain it, must be considered freakish

Though the volume imports in January fell across the board (with the notable exception of cars), the most severe falls were in basic materials (by 25 per cent), fuels, food, drink and tobacco,

over the past three months to January however, imports of food, drink and tobacco were steady and chemicals were up on the previous three months, while imports of cars fell .17 Capital and intermediate goods have suffered greater falls than consumer goods over

talls than consumer goods over the past few months.

The pattern of imports thus almost exactly mirrors the pattern of the present recession. Consumer spending has remained fairly steady in spite of rising unemployment as pay rises last year outstripped inflation. But heavy destock-

ing by retailers and manufacturers, hit by high interest rates which make stocks expensive to finance, has led to rapidly falling production by domestic industry. The slump in manufacturing output last year was one of the steepest this century.

The surplus on invisible trade, such as financial services and courism, is projected & £200m a momb in the current quarter, £100m higher than in the previous quarter. This reflects the fact that a budget refund of about £600m is due to be repaid to the United Kingdom by the European Community, the bulk of it, before the end of the financial year.

# **Explosion** at stadium before visit by Pope

Karachi, Peb 16.-A man carrying explosives into a stadium where the Pope was to celebrate Mass was killed to-day when the device went off, senior Pakistani police officials

The explosion occurred about 20 minutes before the Pope starting his first visit to Asia, was due to arrive at the stadium from Karachi airport.

A government statement later said three "suspicious characters" had tried to enter the stadium and were checked by security staff. "In the scuffle that followed a crude homemade device carried by one of the persons went aff wounding three people, including a police officer on duty." The man carrying the device died

instantly.

Mr. Paul Rappaport, public affairs officer of the United States Consulate in Karachi, said the explosion caused some panic among the crowd of 70,000. \*Officials tried to calm the crowd by saying it was a transformer or a piece of rele vision equipment that had caused the explosion, but it was

Later it learnt that if the programme of the religious ceremony had not been pur back 15 minutes due to a delay in the arrival of the Pope's aircraft, the explosion could have caused many more injuries in the stats reserved for diplomats where the bomb had been by the fact about 40 saids from the later and it was thought unlikely that the Pope would have been injured if, he would have been injured if he

The Pope, who urged greater dialogue between Muslims and Christians, celebrated Mass at the stadium and later left for the Philippines without being told of the incident.

Ambitious journey: The Pope's tour of the Far East is the most ambitious journey he has so far undertaken (Peter Nichols writes from Rome) He will cover about 20,500 miles with principal stops in the Philippines and Japan. The journey will last 12 days.

He will also stop briefly in Guam and Anchorage. He will stay five days in the Philip-pines and three and a half in Japan where he will visit both Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

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Ministerial embrace: Lord Soames, the Governor who handed over Zimbabwe to independence, greets Mr Enos Nkala, the Minister of Finance, at the opening of his country's new High Commission at Zim-babwe House in the Strand yesterday. Dr Witness Mangwende, the Foreign Minister, opened the building that had stood empty as Rhodesia House during the 15 years of the colony's rebellion. Mr Eddison Zvobgo, the Patriotic Front spokesman at the

Lancaster House conference and now Minister of Local Government and Housing, used the occasion to play down reports of fighting among former guerrilla forces that has left perhaps 250 dead in the past week. Dr Mangwende said the British press gave a distorted picture of life in Zimbabwe. "The situation is not as bad as it is painted " he said. "We have achieved what many Governments have failed to achieve in 20 years-peace." (Report, page 6.)

# Zimbabwe guerrillas finally lay down arms after Nkomo plea

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Feb 16

The tension in Bulawayo was defused by Mr Joshua Nkomo today. He persuaded the Zipra men, who form the guerrilla wing of his Patriotic Front Party, to lay down their arms in Entumbane township.

Until this morning, the Zipra guerrillas had refused to move from their camp even though the rival Zanla forces had pulthe rival Zania forces had pul-

At about the same time that Mr Nkomo was ending the flareup of tribal violence, the Zimbabwean joing high command which represents the former Zipra and Zanla armies as well as the former Rhodesian security forces, met in Salisbury to consider the future of the new national army.

What the commanders and

ultimately the government have to decide is whether to continue with the present sausagemachine approach devised by the British military mission, for fusing former Zanla and Zipra guerrillas into the new

At present equal numbers of argued that all the guerrillas Zanla and Zipra men are being brought together to form the integrated battalions. So far 12,000 men have been formed into 12 battalions. It is planned to establish three new batta-lions each month between now and August so that by the time the process is complete the new army will contain about

During last week's fighting the insurrection spread to three of these new battalions: Number 1/3 Battalion based at Gleaville, to the west Bulawayo, number Battalion at Ntabazindona to the east of Bulawayo, and the 4/1 Battalion at Counemara near the Midlands town of Que

33,000 former guerrillas.

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The battalion at Ntabazinduna was considered a showpiece of the new army. Critics of the present integration proces argue that it has been too rushed and that politipassions should be allowed to cool down before attempts are made to bring together the two rival groups. It is also

should be disarmed before they join integrated units. Against this is the view that

Against this is the view that the integration process survived last week's unrest remarkably well. Only three of the twelve new battalions were affected by the unrest, and three further battalions in the process of being formed — two of them within the vicinity of Rulawaya — were maffected. Bulawayo - were unaffected.

The final decision on the Army's future will be taken by Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister who is also Minister of Defence, and Mr Emmerson Muangagwa, his recently promoted security chief.

Mr Nkomo, who retained s defence advisory role after last month's Cabinet reshuffle is also likely to be included in the negotiations, particularly after the crucial role he played today in the embattled Enturnmenter township where, after speaking to Zipra leaders, he appealed to the guerrillas to leave in order to svoid en-dangering civilian life.

Carlo Tallo per Francis

# Social democracy a threat to Tories, Mrs Williams says

democrats had put the Prime Minister in "dead trouble" Mrs Shirley Williams claimed last night, because "Mrs Thatcher was relying heavily on being able to present the Labour Party as an extremist and a Marxist party".

She went on: "She knows that if she cannot present her opponents in that way she is in dead trouble. Now she " has very little going for her in the next election except North Sea oil and it would be utterly irresponsible for her Government to use it for the purposes of buying its way back to an election victory".

Charring in the newly opened Chatting in the newly opened offices in Queen Anne's Gate. London, of the Council for Social Democracy, which has been founded as the fore-runner of a new party by herself and the rest of Labour's "gang of four"; Mrs Williams was obviously delighted to be under attack from Mrs Thatcher as well as the Labour leadership. leadership.

Questioned on the Prime Minister's implication in her speech last Saturday that the social democrats were a slower "poison" than Mr Wedgwood Benn's socialism. Mrs Williams

"The politics of her government are better at manufactur-ing extremists than any other force in British politics today. Despair breeds extremism." With unemployment and bank-

ing extremists by the day . Further, every social democratic government in Europe had "been more successful in employment, investment and inflation than her own. If socinflation than her own. If social democracy were a slow poison I would say it was a good diet for most people."

Mrs Williams spoke in the twilight, waiting for the electricity to be connected. The council has taken the second-floor office suite of four more with the poison of four more

with the option of four more on a "cheap" six-month lease. The party headquarters, it seems, will be elsewhere.

The offices are the venue today of another photo call for the "gang of four" who launched the "Limebouse declaration ".

Volunteers, up to ten a day, are st work opening the cascade of mail solicited by the recent advertisement in The Guardian. So far, Mrs Williams says, they have counted about £34,000 in donations. About E9,000 came in in small soms in about 12,000 letters to the gang of four se individuals.

But The Guardian advertisement had produced between £20,000 and £25,000. They still bad one mail bag to open.

Most donations had been small but a few had been more than f1,000, although the idea that it was coming from Europe Son, from the Craft Wrigglesworth Labour MP for Teesside, Thornaby, lie is expected to fell his constituency on Friday that he will not stand again as Labour candi-

# Hunger men in dirty protest

Selfast Six of the seven former hunger strikers at the Maze prison, near Belfast, have resumed their dirty protest." after being moved from the prison hospital back to their cells, it was confirmed yester-

day.

The men, who were moved on Friday, have been in hospital since the strike was called off shortly before Christmas. The seventh striker, Sean McKenna, who was close to death, remains there after

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exclusively...

being moved back to the Maze from Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast, last month. The Northern Ireland Office said the men were asked if they intended to conform with risey intended to conform with prison regulations including the wearing of prison issue civilian clothing, and they refused. They were placed in unfurnished cells and immediately began fouling them.

The men's action is a further indication of a hardening of a national statement in the Hardening to a the Maze in the rundin to a second hunger strike. \_

# lejection of 10% offer by water workers orecast as unofficial action begins

bour Reporter cears that unions in the ter and sewerage industry ind not be able to restrain air members from taking official action proved correct sterday when about two nodred workers in the Northit started a work-to-rule in liance of advice from their

The employers were preparto meer unofficial action or the rejection earlier this onth by union negotiators of "final" 10 per cent pay er. There were strong indicons last night that the offer ll be heavily defeated by the 000 workers in England and

As the action spread through to Durham and Northwherland, with the prospect (GMWU) which is dominant in

Polish union

0-day truce

land's free trade union movement licated that it was ready to accept meral Jaruzelski's call for a strike-free riod of 90 days. It urged in exchange a ntinuing dialogue and a genuine reship. Solidarity's official spokesan saw hope not just for a truce but for agreem peace. But that did not mean say that there would be no strikes in

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ie Basque region of Spain was hit by a

neral strike in protest at the death of suspected ETA terrorist under interroga-

on in Madrid. An investigating magistrate

25 beginning hearings on the case involv-g five police officers in Madrid arrested

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Strike by Basques

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Rush for shares

night to prevent workers there following the example of their following the example of their colleagues. But the employers and the Government were concerned at the vote by delegates representing the moderate 2,500 workers in the northern region, including Durham and Northumberland, which was unanimous in rejecting the offer and

South Wales is traditionally for strike action. a militant area, and union officials were urging calm last industry, the National Union of

mous in rejecting the offer and calling for a national strike.

of more workers in the areas joining in this morning, delegates representing 2,000 other delegate conferences later workers in South Wales yesterday voted unanimously to reject the deal and called for a national strike.

The other main union in the Public Employees, is also con-sulting its water industry members. A vote of no confidence in union negotiators for not calling a national strike after rejecting the offer, has been tabled for Friday's meeting of the union's water com-mittee in Wales.

Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, Nupe national officer, said last night that there was a great feeling of frustration among the

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is expected to announce the creation of a handful of Labour peers after a request from Mr. Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition.

## Niedermayer jail term

A man was jailed at Belfast Crown Court for 20 years for the manslaughter in 1973 of Mr Thomas Niedermayer, the West German consul in Northern Ireland. Mr Niedermayer, who was kidnapped by the IRA, was to have been offered in exchange. for the London car bombers, the Price

## Reflation call by Tory

The Government's floatation of 100 million shares in British Aerospace was three-and-a-half times oversubscribed. The shares, on offer at 150p each, represent a 50 per cent stake in the group. More than 155,000 separate applications were received a high

separate applications were received, a high proportion from small investors Page 17

Reflation in certain sections of industry was urged by Mr Norman St John-Stevas. Pressing for action by the Prime Minister, he said he feared unemployment would get out of control and that it would be not let a next year for reflection. too late next year for reflation Page 2

#### More Labour peers

The request was made after pressure from senior Labour peers who felt there was a serious shortage of "working" Labour members on the front bench Page 2

#### Defence economies

Withdrawal of a divisional headquarters wundrawal of a divisional headquarters from West Germany is among possible economies being considered by the Army. Others include fewer bands, merging some small specialist corps, and rationalization of infantry administrative posts. Overspending could mean a cut of about £100m for each Service

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#### Castle Vanadanite by William Tolliday The enchanting golden sculptures of William Tolliday are exclusive to Garrard. In this example, a tortuous golden path leads upwards from a sea of translucent agate, amidst crystalled mcks of vanadanite and molachite, to the drawbridge. The castle of coloured golds, red, yellow and black, crowns the composition, its towers, turrers and . castellated bastions gleaming with diamond embrasures. The sculpture measures eight inches in height. William Tolliday creates only a very limited number of distinctive pieces each year: each is unique. fashioned with rare and. imaginative attistry. Suzy Menkes on fashion Sport, pages 18, 11 Cricket: England in trouble after the West Indies' first invings core of 429: Football: Leaeue leaders visit Nottingham Forest in sixth round of FA Cup Business News, pages 16-21 Stock Markets: The prospect of a national miners strike and farther gloomy news on the economy saw heavy stiling of equities. But gilts recovered after the trade figures. The FT Index closed down 8.7 at 484.5 Business features: Patricla, Tisdall reports on the business community's opposition to the local authority rate rises: Kate Finch on the Cithoride Group's difficultes in Egypt: Hugh Stephenson on a waking nightmare for the Chancellor Examples of his scriptures and jewelled collages can be seen in the showmoms An illustrated brochure of the artist and his work will be sent on request. The Crown Jewellers HIZ REGENT STREET LONDON WILL DA TELEPHONE, CI-704 7020

# Reflation demand to **Prime Minister** by Mr St John-Stevas

"A measure of reflation" was urgently pressed on Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday by Mr Norman St John-Stevas, until last month a member of

"Unless we start a modest reflation in certain sections of control and it will be too late, I think, by next year to have the sort of reflation one ", he said in an interview on ITN's News at One.

Reflation is a dirty word to pressing importance". the Prime Minister. Members, of the Cabinet who otherwise urge adjustments in economic policy are careful never to use it. So Mr St John-Stevas's state-ment rates as one of the boldest challenges yet among high Tories to the Prime Minister to turn back.

Last Thursday Mrs Thatcher retorted at question time: "If we were to reflate on top of the present level of inflation Rewould lead to hyper inflation and unemployment. There is no ation doubt about that." -

doubt about that."
Mr St John-Stevas, who has kept a very low political profile since being removed from the Cabinet, marked his return to the argument with publication of a Bow Group lecture.

Although it was delivered at a fringe meeting of last October's Conservative conference its publication had been

ence its publication had been due in the week after the Cabinet reshuffle, but had been

to settle", in the author's

The lecture entitled "The Moral Basis for Con-servatism", challenged the Thatcherites view that theirs was a new and true Conservatism. Mr St John-Stevas said industry now I believe unem-ployment will get totally out of from the emergence of the social dimocratics to speeches by Lord Thorneycroft and Mr. Francis Pym, his own successor in the Cabinet, had made his message "of immediate and

> Not only was monetarism not enough, he said, "isolated from its political, social and moral. context it is positively misleading and dangerous as an indication of party attitudes."
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> To move away from the central Toty tradition "and to identify Conservation with a

single technique for managing the economy would be highly dangerous if not fatal to the Government, especially in the present fluid political situation".

Mr. St. John-Steves insisted that "the quite assonishing surge of support for a new centre party" eyidenced in

centre party" evidenced in recent opinion polls could not be ignored. "The danger facing the Government of being branded extremist is a real

# by firemen on pay offer

The Fire Brigades Union is to seek an urgent meeting with Mr William Whitelaw, tha Home Secretary, in an attempt to avert what last night became

secretary of the union, said that unless the decision was changed "there is going to be industrial action in the fire

At talks yesterday the union pressed employers' representa-tives on the Fire Service-National Joint Council to reconsider the decision overnight. A full meeting of the Although the present agree-

amoual public service pay round. that they were determined to negotiate efficiency measures, including a reduction of night fire station manning in favour of daytime cover; partly as the price for the deal reached in December, which yielded a two-

man of the employers' side, said last night that he had believed this year but that it had cost

# He noted that as a back-bencher he would be better, able and freer to counter the threat to the party.

Political Reporter

The creation of a handful of Labour peers is expected to be announced by Mrs Margaret Thatcher before Easter in reply to a request from Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition. Mr Foot, whose views on the House of Lords are well known

—he suggested at the weekend that it was "merely a branch office of the Conservative Cen-tral Office"—made the request

Labour peers.

Lord Peart, the party leader in the Lords, and Lady Liewelyn Davies of Hastoe, opposition chief whip, told Mr. Foot shortly after he became serious shortage of "working " Labour opens to speak for the Opposition on the front beach. .Mr Foot met the Prime Mini-

understood to have agreed in principle. However, the Labour leader was still waiting to hear last night how many peers she has in mind.

Mr Foot's request is likely to cause a controversy with Labour's left wing, particularly Robin Knox-Johnston preparing his catamaran,

# The centre in turmoil, 2: Voters know what new party is against, but which policies will it back?

# North-east MP's support for social democracy confuses electors

The parliamentary constitu-ency of Newcastle upon Tyne, is an elongated area, almost a corridor, running roughly in a south-easterly direction from the Gosforth district down to the banks of the Tyne at Walker

A glance at voting patterns at the last general election shows that support for Mr Mike Thomas, the Labour MP, varies in direct proportion to the proximity of the voter to the river, and also, incidentally, to the density of housing in the constituency.

More colourfully, if one could flatten a rainbow, the physical and political spectra would coincide, starting with red in the heavily populated, heavily industrialized south-east of the constituency, and moving through the Liberal yellow in the estates of neat semi-detached houses in the middle of the corridor to the shades of blue in the semi-rural north-

west.
The declaration of support for the new Council of Social Democracy by Mr Thomas, has confused moderate thinkers at the edges of the three principal

supporters of all three candidates at the last election, one common fact emerged. Most people knew what the new social democratic cause was against but few had any idea what it supported.

In the strong Labour areas those who expressed a view of the aims of a social democratic party did so on the erroneous but long held precept that everything is black or white. there are no shades of grey and if a thing is not right it must be wrong. If you are not "for" you must be "against". That no doubt explains the modest Liberal following in the constituency.

The second interesting feature of Mr Thomas's declaration was the conflict created in the minds of dedicated Labour supporters who were clearly torn between supporting Mr Thomas should he stand as a social democratic candidate, because he has been a good constituofficial Labour candidate.

It became clear that if: 2 social democratic party were to come into being an early priority would have to be a programme of educating the electorate in its basic tenets. It is clearly not enough simply to say that the Labour Party has



Attracts varied support.

moved away from social democracy, in which it was rooted, and that the aim is to arrest and reverse Britain's economic

Mr Joseph Flood, an unem-ployed shipyard worker, was bicycling home to Fairhaven Avenue, Walker, after a fruit-less visit to the local job centre. He said: "As far as I can see Labour have only one man to worry about here and that is

of work only firee weeks and Parliament and he has spent it is terrible bor! cannot get a thousands of pounds of his own it is terrible but I cannot get a job. I am really interested in anybody who can get me job security and promise some sort of a decent future for my two

Mr William Nichols, a retired railway worker, whose home at Waverdale Avenue looks out on the cranes of Tyneside, was firmer in his views. "I voted Labour last time and I do not know who I shall vote for next time but I can tell you any sort of centre party is a waste of time and money here". Complete lack of regard for

politicians was not uncommon in east Newcastle. A typical answer I came across time after time from people who always refused to put their name to their comments was: "There is nothing to choose between them. They are all out for themselves. They are all rubbish. I did not vote last time and I shall not vote next time." Mr Alan Knox, from the middle of the constituency, voted Labour at the last elec-

tion and while not committing bimself for the future con-sidered that the Labour Party had a taken away all demo-

cracy". He said: "Mike Thomas has

money sending out letters telling us what he is doing and

why.
The Labour Party has gone too far left for me and I think some sort of pact getween the Liberals and the Social Democrats might do the country some

Mr Sidney Crozier, who lives in the more residential part of the constituency, was shy of declaring his allegiance "because of the neighbours".

"I think there will be some sort of partnership with the Liberals and I would certainly think about voting for it. Everybody likes Shirley Williams but I wish she would say where they are going. There is a need for a new approach in British poli-

Again, Mr Robert Rae, of Walkergate, asked: "Who are these democrats? I have never heard of them. I have no time for mealy-mouthed idealists. "I do not believe in com-munism. We want to get out

of the Common Market, stop immigration and look after the youngest and the oldest in the country. We need another Crom-well." co Durham, where last year 4.000 men lost their jobs with the closure of the steel works, one found a town of bitterly disillusioned men, their faith in

politicians of both main parties destroyed by their misfortune Most people I spoke to in Consett had clearly reached a state where they simply did not know what to think about the political scene. Time after time I was told: "The last los did us no good and this lot are

worse I formed the impression tha here was a constituency tha could become a killing ground for a party with new ideas who could offer at least hope for the future. Mr Peter Lockeron said: "People put David Wat kins [the Labour MP] in wit a substantial majority last time [15,867] but I reckon if the social democrats put up here lot of people would vote for

Mr. Thomas Oxley, of Moon side, Consett, an unemployed former steel worker, felt a loof people would "try our social democrats. " Labour die not do much for us and thes others have done nothing", b. said. " I do not think they car for Liberals here."

# Action call

By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

a clear threat of strike action if the local authorities stand by their decision to withdraw from the 1977 pay agreement.

Mr Kenneth Cameron, general

ment does not expire until November, the firemen are the first group to negotiate in the The employers also made lear at vesterday's meeting

stage 18.8 per cent increase. Mr Martin Brannan, chairit right to meet the formula for

# **Foot request** for peers to be granted

after pressure from senior Labout peers.

ster before Christmas and she is

The Prime Minister has made lear that she will be announcing a list of opposition peers which will include parties other. than Labour.

# Union chiefs protest on Talbot blow

By Edward Townsend

Mr Roy Grantham, general secretary of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff, yesterday resigned as a governmentappointed director of Talbot
UK in protest at the "deluge
of disasters" he alleged had
been created by the Government's economic policies.

Last week Talbot's parent. the French PSA Peugeot group, decided to close its loss-making Glasgow, with the loss of nearly 5,000 jobs.

Mr Grantham, appointed to the board of Talbot, then Chrysler UK, after the 1976 rescue by the former Labour government, said that state-appointed directors should represent the national interest. and he could no longer serve because the policies of the Government do not serve the national interest in their impact on manufacturing industry."

Commons move: Opposition spokesman last night tabled a Commons motion for debate tomorrow deploring the Government's failure to act to prevent the closure (Our Political Staff withing).

The motion expressed "grave anxiety at this latest example of the devastation which Government policies are imposing on manufacturing industry throughout the whole country. Loan discussions: Ministers are to discuss with Peugeot the ment in 1976 to Chrysler UK (John Huxley writes).

It is due to be repaid over five years from the end of 1935. Under the agreement the Gov-Sea Falcon, near Southampton for The ernment can require repayment in the event of any substantial change to the business.

# Moderates angry over speed of mine closure

From Richard Ford Newdigate Colliery

Warwickshire As the men on the day shift at the doomed Newdigate colliery, in Warwickshire, colliery, in Warwickshire, streamed towards the pit baths yesterday the miners' union branch secretary reflected on the sad news he was about to break them.

the National Coal Board had announced that the 83-year-old pit is to close by the end of June with the loss of 150 jobs. "If you see me strung up later in the afternoon you will know how angry the men are. I do not know how they will react to the suddenness of the closure. Mr Thomas Mount-

ford, the secretary, said The board hopes that the other 600 men at the pit, near Bedworth, will be found jobs at other mines in Warwickshire. They expect that by offering early retirement to men aged 55 or more at Newdigate and other Warwickshire collieries, redundancies will be kept to those over 55.

For many of the men the confirmation that the pit is to close came as no surprise, as they were resigned to a slow

rundown over the years. But the speed with which the board wants finally to end mining at colliery shocked and

angered many.
Mr Ralph Rawlinson, director of the board's South Midlands area, blamed the industry's severe financial difficulties for the need to bring for-ward, the Newdigate closure. Substantial losses would have occurred if the sparse reserves had been worked for a few more years.
At the pithead baths, as new:

of the closure spread, the reaction of most men was in line with their reputation for moder-

Mr John Bennett, aged 54, a face worker, said most miners at the pit were taking a realistic attitude about what was hap-pening. "The speed with which they want to stop working is going to cause not only anxiety here but in pits near by where some of our men are expecting to be transferred.

However, despite reservapected that a national strike ballot would result in an overwhelming vote for an all-out stoppage, and that they would be loyal to their union leaders.

## Free cruise critics answered

From Stephen Cohen of The Times Educational Supplement

on board the SS Usanda Education officials and Ber shire County Council officia who have been criticized for taking free places on a tw Mediterranean crui

The chainman of the country education committee, educate department officials and son wives have joined nearly thousand children on an edu tional cruise to the Gree islands, Turkey, Egypt a Sicily. They took free plac offered by P & O, operators

he Uganda.
Mr Peter Edwards, director education, said the party w on board to find out if paren were getting value for monand whether there was real ed cational value in Mediterrane

cruises.
"P & O said they wanted to bring an administrative tea to help them to run the cruis They offered 14 compliments

The places had been taken by two clergymen, who min tered to the whole ship; i Gerald Hughes, chairman of the Berkshire Education Committee and his wife; the county's director of education and his wife.

Mr Robin Howies, assistant end
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which are to close had started adviser.
unofficial industrial action.

Mr Hughes and the educate Berkshire teachers, who sa that the free placts should be gone to poor or deprived chi

Leaders of Britain's merchalinavy officers yesterday reject at 12 per cent pay offer from the General Congoli of Britashinan Republication

# Fight for survival, Welsh pitmen's leader says

South Wales miners yesterday

closures. From dawn today all 34 pits. in the area will be at a stand-still as the 25,000 miners begin what they call a "fight to the end" to preserve their jobs and the industry from "econo-

mic lunacy... The decision was taken at a special delegate conference at Bridgend which had been brought forward by 48 hours because miners in five pits

threw down a gauntlet to the of the South Wales miners, Prime Minister when they said: "We decided we could not wait for the meeting of the mational executive in London on Thursday because the men

are so angry".

Mr Williams said the first task would be to halt the move-ment of all coal in South Wales, including stockpiles at power stations.

He would expect the coopera-

tion of the General and Municipal Workers' Union and the Transport and General Workers'

Merchant navy

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us they will not move a single
month to decide further acti Shipping. Executives of 1 Merchant Navy Officers At

# Mr Murdoch wants better 'Times' Minister publishes material

Mr Rupert Murdoch, the new proportetor of Times Newspapers, said on the BBC. Panorama television programme last in hight that he certainly would not change The Sunday Times. but would like to expand it.

Changes in The Times would

depend on the new editor, but he would like to see it get better, with perhaps greater appeal to youngre readers. He was interviewed by David Dimbleby after a film that showed highlights of his acquisition of newspapers and tele-vision stations in Australia, America and Britain and in-

cluded criticisms made by some former editors of his pub-The programme, entitled Who's Afraid of Rupert Murdoch? ", suggested that Mr Murdoch's personal involve-ment with his newspapers some-times led to interference that

was resented by the staff. He agreed with Mr Dimbleby that it would be difficult not to become involved in The

By the redundancies agreed and other savings losses would be halved and the company would then have to "get out and get more revenue". "We shall work pretty hard", he said and indicated that the

price of the paper would have to go up. The new editor had not yet been chosen. Mr Murdoch would be concerned that he believed in democracy and personal freedoms and was a man

Assurance on supplements: The House of Commons Select Com-

make a success of the paper. If The Times was in danger of (Jacob Ecclestone writes). The committee heard evidence last week from Mr Murdoch.

folding he would have to step Thanking him for his reaffirmation of the assurances given to the Secretary of State-for Trade on the three supplements, the committee, in its report published yesterday, says; "We are confident that to have these on record in a to the transfer of The Times report from a select committee

will give them an added status and force". The report says the committee was grateful that Mr Murdoch had given his assurme hoped that The Times would do take them together and not in isolation. The committee noted that Mr Murdoch's issues of the day and stimulate people to think about those great issues.

Assurance on sure of the day and stimulate people to think about those great issues. ance that in assessing the viability of the supplements he

Mr Murdoch told the com-House of Commons Select Committee that any deterioration in the quality or authority of the and Arts is to monitor the development of The Times mental to The Times.

so, he said.

So companies concerned, to safe-By Hugh Noyes

Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, told the Commons yesterday that in view of the controversial rature of the issue, he was publishing the material on which he reached his decision to consent

and The Sunday Times to Mr. Rupert Murdoch without a. reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. With many of the MPs who previously supported a reference apparently resigned to the takeover. Mr John Smith, opposition spokesman on trade, pressed Mr Biffen to make clear what sanctions were available to ensure that the new proprietor observed the guarantees on editorial independence and integrity.

The Secretary of State

The Secretary of State replied that two of the conditions required changes in the

guard the position of the independent national directors and to preserve editorial independence.
From the Tory backbenches

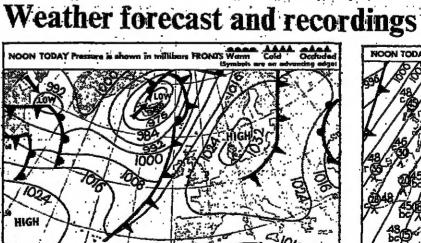
Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet, East) said that whatever the past disagreements and since the House was dealing with a fait accompli, Mr Murdoch and the new management of Times
Newspapers should be wished
good luck "because they are
certainly going to need it".

"I think that was underhand
bowling up to the best Australian standards", Mr Biffen re-plied. "I realize that the de-cision I took was controversial and by its nature it could not have been otherwise." He was reinforced by the ob-

servations of the deputy editor of The Times when he said the guarantees were stronger than ever before and that he did not think any other news paper in the world had such guarantees. Parliamentary report, page

and as a separate newspaper.
"Having further satisfied himself that the case was one thetical construction should be of urgency, he concluded that made of the ongoing costs he had discretion to grant con-

> that it would close the five Times Newspapers titles by the middle of March, 1981, unless they were bought by a new owner. A reference to the mono-polies commission requires a minimum of eight weeks' inves-



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Channel Islands: Dry, sunny periods, Wind E, light to moderate; max temp 5° or 6°C (41° to 43°F).

SW, NW England, Wales: Fog patches slowly thinning, sunny periods; wind S to SW, light, increasing to moderate; max temp 6° to 7°C (43° to 45°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Moray Firth: Fog patches clearing, sunny periods. Wind S to SW, fresh, increasing to strong; max temp 6° or 7°C (43° to 45°F).

Glasgow, Central Highlands, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll. Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: Cloud increasing, with outbreaks of rain later; wind SW, strong, increasing to gale; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Mostly dry, some rain in NW and perhaps wintry showers in SE; rather cold generally, with night frost.

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Lighting up: 5.49 pm to 6.39 am. High water: London Bridge, 12.29 am, 6.7m; 12.59 pm, 6.8m. Avon-mouth, 6.12 am, 12.4m; 6.41 pm, 12.6m. Dover, 10.07 am, 6.1m; 10.28 pm, 6.3m. Hull, 5.16 am; 10.28 pm, 5.33 pm, 7.1m. Liverpool, 10.17 am, 8.8m; 10.40 pm, 8.8m. 1ft = 0.3048m. 1m = 3.2808ft. A ridge of high pressure will persist over S Britain; a frontal trough will approach NW areas

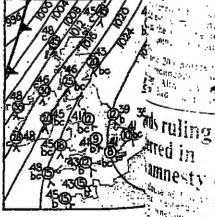
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, E., NE England, East Anglia: Cloudy at times, some mist or fog early, perhaps isolated light showers; wind E to SE, light to moderate; max temp 4° to 6°C (33° to 43°F).

Central S. Central N England, Midlands: Rather cloudy at first with some mist or fog. sunny periods developing; wind S to SE. WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c. cloud; f. fair;

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# Information about papers' viability under TBH largely hypothetical

By Dan van der Vat If the document on which Mr Biffen reached his decision on the sale of Times Newspapers makes only one thing clear, it is sent and possible future finan-cial position of the company under the ownership of Thom-son British Holdings (TBH) had it continued was in the main

That is largely because of the huge losses and attendant ac-counting chaos caused by the closure of the five titles for 50 weeks in 1978-9. In answer to a parliamentary

question from Mr Robert Adley, Conservative MP for Christmons library.

church and Lymington, Mr Biffen said yesterday that in view of representations to him and the interest shown in the takeover, he would place the document in the House of Com-The document draws its figures from what the Department of Trade learnt from the

information memorandum pre-

pared for bidders by S. G. War-

burg, the bankers who handled

the sale, supplemented by

further information from War-

burg and TBH

tain the results of the shutdown period and the costs of restarting"; Mr Biffen's paper

The Times losing a steady £3m a year from 1975 to 1978, £13m 1980, £12m in 1981, £9m in 1982 and £8m in 1983. But "little reliance was placed on forecasts for 1982 and 1983". the paper remarks.

The Sunday Times is shown as having lost £2m in 1975 and £1m in 1976. Profits of £1m a year are shown for 1977 and 1978, a loss of £2m for 1980, break-even in 1981 and profits of £5m a year in 1982 and 1983. Those figures for both papers include a theoretical allocation of shares in fixed overheads and interest on capital.

Those who pressed for a reference to the monopolies commission, including MPs and most journalists on The Sunday Times, argued that the profitz-bility of the Sunday paper must have been under-estimated if Mr Biffen had conuded that it was not viable. It was difficult to assess the £300,000.

"The Fair Trading Act, 1973, viability of a newspaper when "Having considered the forccluded that it was not viable.

"Results for December 1, subjects newspaper mergers to it shared production costs with 1978, to December 31, 1979, special scrutiny", Mr Biffen's other nitles. "Two approaches paper says. "Transfer . . . to a were possible. The first was proprietor whose newspapers that existing costs should be (including the one involved in allocated on a fair and reasonthe transfer) have an average daily circulation of 500,000 or more copies cannot take place Figures appended to it show without the consent of the Secretary of State.

"Such consent cannot normally be granted without a prior reference of the proposed if the facilities it used were acquisition to the Monopolies not shared by the other publiand Mergers Commission." ceptions included cases where the newspaper concerned "is not economic as a going concern and as a separate news-

newspaper proprietor, the satis-

faction to which the Secretary

of State's consideration was

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paper, and where (the Secre-sidered on the second basis, tary of State) is further satis-under which the newspaper fied that, if the newspaper is appeared less economic." to continue as a separate news- account was taken of possible paper, the case is one of savings by a new owner, not-urgency." Thomsons had been unable to The paper goes on to say: achieve, the paper says.

The only information relating "Although the consent sought was to a transfer to another

able basis without considering the effect of operational separaeconomic as a going concern

question approached in detail on the first basis, and the position for The Sunday Times was also con-

ment was unaudited results for the first nine months of last year with an estimate for the foss of £200,000 incurred by The Sunday Times, later adjusted to

to 1980 available to the depart-

going information, on the basis described in this memorandum, the Secretary of State con-cluded that neither The Times nor The Sunday Times was

sent to the transfer of both newspapers without a reference to the commission. On January 27 he granted his consent to the transfers without a reference but subject to a number of conditions, details of which have been laid in the library of the House", the paper concludes.
Thomson British Holdings
announced on October 22 Inst

tigation. Mr Murdoch emerged as a bidder on January 22, seven weeks before the Thomson deadline, the rigidity of which dominated the entire process of sale and led Mr Biffen to waive



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HOME NEWS.

# Corme 20 years of German diplomat

Mr Thomas Niedermayer, the kidnapped German diplomat, died after he tried to escape during a bungled IRA attempt to free the London car bombers, Dolores and Marian Price, the prosecution said at Belfast rown Court yesterday.

Lord Justice Jones was told that the Provisionals wanted to swop Mr Niedermayer, aged 45, the West German consul in Northern Ireland, for the

John Christopher Bradley, aged 42, of Norglen Crescent, Belfast, one of the captors, was jailed for 20 years for the manslaughter of Mr Niedermayer. Eugene Anthony McManus, aged 51, of Rockville Street, Belfast, was jailed for five years. He admitted membership of the IRA and assisting those involved in the kidnapping and death of Mr Niedermayer.

Mr Niedermayer, who disappeared in December, 1973, died while being held captive after attempting to make a dash for freedom from the house in Belfast where he was held, it was stated.

His body, bound hand and foor, was found nearly seven years later in a shallow grave about a mile from his home. about a mile from his home.

Mr John Creaney, QC, for the
Crown, said Mr Bradley, who
admitted manslaughter but
pleaded not guilty to a charge
of murder, which the judge
accepted, told the police in a
statement that members of the statement that members of the kidnap gang said prayers over the spot where Mr Neidermayer was buried, and that the whole affair had been an embarrass-ment to the IRA.

Mr Bradley had allegedly told the police that after Mr Niedermayer tried to escape he started to scream and was held down. He was hir on the head with a pistol.

"We held him for I do not know how long", Mr Bradley had said. "He was still struggling but then went limp. Someone said, 'The man is

As well as being jailed for 20 years for manslaughter, Mr Bradley, married with four children, was given concurrent sentences ranging from five to 15 years on six further charges relating to assaulting and im-prisoning Mr Niedermayer, having guns and nail bombs, and belonging to the IRA. Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Pontypool, the chairman, opened the proceedings with the word "Tawelwch" (Order).

The judge told Mr Bradley, a ou have recognized the court but you should not get a gold medal for that. This was a dispraceful act. You are nothing but a common criminal, and will be dealt with as such."

Turning to Mr McManus.

Lord Justice Jones said: "You have pleaded guilty to member-ship of the IRA, which is at the root of many of the troubles in this province

Earlier Mr Richard Ferguson, QC. for the defence of Mr Brad-ley, said: "He was not part of the original kidnapping. "He never intended to kill or

cause any harm to Mr Niedermayer. His role was to guard

him."
Mr Tom Cahill, QC, for the defence of Mr McManus, said his client had not known about kidnapping or bow Mr Niedermayer met his death.

# 20 years' jail | Whitehall brief: University 'think tank' specializes in policy analysis

# Getting to grips with a chewed-up economy

One of the most unfortunate rigidities in British society is the divide that yawns between the universities and the Whitehall branches of the thinking classes. By comparison, Wash-ington veritably busses with policy institutes that provide men of ideas for new adminis-

Professor Richard Rose, of Strathclyde University, is an American who has spent the bulk of his working life in Britain producing a prodigious output of scholarship on our politics and is well placed to ponder the relationship between Whitehall and universities. In an article in the International Social Science Journal, Professor Rose has captured the institutional and career pressures that keep the two professions apart: "Power and influence, rather than knowledge and ideas, are the tokens of success at the highest levels of government. A public offi-cial views knowledge or infor-

mation as a means to an end, whereas a social scientist views it as an end in itself." Strathclyde, like Nuffield College, Oxford, is among those



Professor Rose: "Wrong to blame individuals."

bodies that have striven energetically to trigger intellectual exchanges between scholars and cause the efforts of government to fall apart. Professor Rose cites the example of the economy, the area of the country's most persistent policy failure since 1945.

failure since 1945.

"It is dead wrong to blame individuals, either ministers or civil servents. It is not the quality of the people. It cannot be. Look at the Treasury, the best and the brightest Look at the economy. It is something in between, chewing it up."

Strathclyde has tried to focus on that "something in between with a flood of studies in social policy on subjects ranging from Northern Ireland and the implementation of language policy in Welsh schools to regional and industrial economic policy and the general theme of overload in government. They appear at

in government. They appear at the rate of 24 a year As an American, he is cautious about Washingtoncludeside "think tank", the Centre for the Study of Public Policy, funded by grants received from government sources flowers would bloom. British and foundations in six nations.

The centre's raison d'être is Cautious about Washington Whitehall andour Washington the kind of thinking that suggests that if only London had a Brookings Institution a thousand policy ceived from government sources flowers would bloom. British and foundations in six nations.

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past success when nobody in politically or bureaucratically powerful circles felt the need of assistance from thinkers outside Whitehall because things were going very nicely. The serbacks of the 1970s have changed all that and even the Official Secrets Acts, Professor Rose says, cannot disguise "the condition of England". A policy analyst can also do a lot with the data that government publishes every year, he adds.

Mr Kevin Allen, codirector of

Mr Kevin Allen, codirector of the Strathclyde centre, an economist specializing in regional policy, is convinced that universities are perfectly that universities are perfectly placed to carry out research for government as he and his team are doing for the Department of Industry and its German, French and Italian equivalents. They have the people, the libraries and the contacts.

Professor Rose adds two warnings. First, people in universities are not elected to govern the country; taking decisions is the responsibility of those who are. Second, policy analysis is about diagnosing problems and identifying options, I am in the under-

options. I am in the under standing business, not the solu-

Labour holds back paper on rights of homosexuals

By Lucy Hodges

A policy document on the rights of homosexuals which was approved by the national executive committee of the Labour Party has been put aside, effectly for financial masons.

However, there are worries that the document is being sup-pressed because the Labour Party bureaucracy in Walworth Road, south Loadon, does not like its tenor.

The confidential document,

entitled The Rights of Gay Men and Women, says that homo-sexuals face discrimination in virtually every aspect of their lives, particularly employment. Legislation to protect them is long overdue, it says.

The paper, which tails on the Labour movement to speak out to the control of the c

on the issue, originated with the party's frome policy committee, of which Mr Wedgwood Benn, MP for Bristol, South-east, is

Mr Benn wrote the foreword to a pamphlet published by the National Council for Civil Liberties last month called Gay Workers: Trade Unions and the Law. He said on its publication that the NEC policy document would be put into into practice when the party was next in office. Victims of attacks: About forty homosexuals: were killed or disabled in attacks during the

past three years, a report by the Campaign for Homosexual Equality said yesterday (the Press Association reports). It said there were more than 260 incidents

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#### Singer must pay £10,000 for slandering publisher Both actions arose from a dispute over the proposed publi-Miss Dorothy Squires, the that he had spent two years in

Mr McGibbon had complained Last month she lost a libel that on four occasions Miss action against Mr McGibbon, Squires told business associates founder of Everest Books.

Putting the

into 'order'

Parliamentary history was made yesterday in the Welsh-speaking heartland when for the first time evidence was given to a select committee in Welsh.

The Commons Select Commit tee on Welsh Affairs met at the headquarters of Gwynedd County Council at Caernarfon, whose simultaneous translation

He said it was the first time

in history that an adjunct to Parliament was open to anyone who wished to speak in Welsh.
"You will have to forgive us

that, alas, many of us do not know the language", he added. "I hope the day will come when it will be spoken not by the minority but by the majority of the people in Wales."

The committee, which will continue to hear evidence today, is discussing broadcasting ba

Representatives of Dwyfor district council, which covers the Lleyn Peninsula, where 78

From a Correspondent

system was used.

Welsh

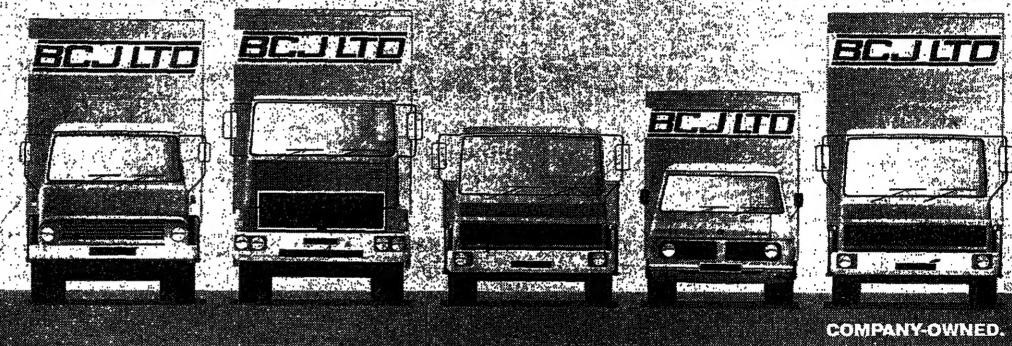
Miss Dorothy Squires, the singer, must pay £10,000 jail.
damages for standering Mr
Robin McGibbon, the book find against Miss Squires, aged publisher, a High Court jury 57, and award the damages. Mr
Justice Caulfield ordered her to

cation of Miss Squires's auto-biography, Rain Rain Go Away, which was wristen in 1975 but has not been published because of a clash over the contract. That dispute is also due to be injunction to put heard in the High Court. Squires repeating It is estimated that Miss tions against him.

Squires, the former wife of Mr Roger Moore, the actor, will face a bill of £12,000 for costs in the two actions Mr Justice Caulfield yester day granted Mr McGibbon an

injunction to prevent Miss Squires repeating her allega-

# THIS FIRE COULD SINK YOU



## per cent of the population is Welsh-speaking, gave evidence first and welcomed the alloca-HISFLEET COULD KEEPY tion of a Weish language television channel.



CONTRACT: HIRED FROM NATIONAL CARRIERS

# Staff unions' overtime ban at BL gets poor backing

From Clifford Webb Birmingham

The start of a campaign to ban and impose work sanctions, called by BL staff unions opposing compulsory redundancies, got a poor response yesterday from the group's 22,000 white-collar workers.

Most of the 34 car plants deported no action of any kind. At those plants where the men roted to support the campaign, they did not seem to have their hearts in the dispute and were merely going through the motions.

The first 200 notices of compulsory redundancy went out yesterday. Although the man-agement had said it would

bring forward all the 900 compulsory redundancies being sought if the unions went ahead with their campaign, nappears that the lack of militancy has led to a change of

Volunteers are still coming forward and it seems likely that fewer compulsory cuts will have to be made before the March 31 deadline set by BL to achieve 4,250 staff redundan-cies. More than 3,400 have volunteered to leave.

The danger is that a confron-

tarion with an individual employee could bring about a withdrawal of labour in a key as Longbridge where the Metro is produced.

#### Lords ruling deferred in tax amnesty case

The House of Lords reserved judgment vesterday on the question whether small busiangered by a tax granted to Fleet 6,000 casual print nessmen. 6,000 casual print Street's

A year ago the Court of Appeal ruled that the 50,000-strong National Federation of Self Employed and Small Businesses was entitled to sue the revenue. In the present appeal, in what has become known as the "Micky Mouse" tax case, the revenue seeks to reverse that ruling.

The federation has sought a declaration that the revenue acted unlawfully in declaring an amnesty up to April, 1977-Some printing workers were said to have been defrauding

the taxman by signing for pay

packets with fictitious names

such as " Mr M. Mouse ".

lenge. Mr Alan Sapper, general sec-

#### Children picket office in creche protest

Sir Denis Forman, chairman of Granada Television, arrived ar work vesterday to find his office surrounded by a picket of the children of executives striking over the windrawal of creche facilities.

The toddlers' parents, protesting at Granada's offices in Soho London, were among 70 producers, directors and research ers taking part in a one-day strike, which delayed pro-grammes, including World in Action and University Chai-

retary of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, told the strikers that Granada workers in Manchester held a lunchime demonstration in support.
Granada blamed lack of demand for the decision to pull out of the creche it shared with other television companies and the TUC.

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#### Buses return to Guernsey From Our Correspondent

St Peter Port Buses were run in Guernsey yesterday for the first time since November 19, when the former bus company closed be-

cause of heavy losses.
Guernseybus, a subsidiary of Trafalgar Leisure Investments. has started with six scheduled routes and is to introduce another five from next Monday.

The new company has taken

over the existing fleet of buses most of them decorated as before. Many of the drivers are back at the wheel, although the staff has been reduced, and the same offices and garages are

being used. Guernsey has a population of 51,000 and 31,700 motor vehicles, including nearly 24,000 private cars. It is predicted that by the end of the century there could be 50,000 vehicles.

# Withdrawal of divisional HQ from West Germany is among economies considered by the Army

Defence Correspondent
The withdrawal of a divisional
headquarters from West Germany is among the options being considered by the Army as part of a package of defence economies that might have to be implemented this year.

Others include a reduction in the number of bands, mergers among some of the small, specialist corps and a rationalization of administrative posts in the infantry organization in

The General Staff has ordered a review of all possible savings for in case the Treasury insists that be overspending by the Ministry of Defence during 1980-81 should be paid for out of the 1981-82 budget.

The amount of the overspending will not be known for several months, but is likely to be between £260m and £400m, which could mean in effect a cut of about £100m for each of

the three main Services.

The Army, which refuses to accept that it escaped more lightly than the Royal Navy and the RAF in the recent 5200m defence cuts, believes that some economies will be neces-sary anyway because of rising pressures on money and man-

Those economies are being accelerated, partly by the com-plexity of new equipment which imposes a need for more maintenance and support and partly economize on from line regi-by the fact that the £200m cut ments—or on the logistic units. had lowered the baseline for future budgetary calculations.

The Army, which is now. 3,000 men short, has had to cut back on recruiting because of inadequate funds. A target of 14,500 adult males for 1980-81 was raised to 16,000 because of the numbers coming forward as a result of the recession.

That was pruned to 13,000 when it was found that the ministry could not afford to fund the extra training costs and salaries. Recruiting targets for junior soldiers have had to be reduced from 11.000 to 10.000 and for women from 1,200 to 1,100.

The retention rate for the second half of 1980 was 11 per cent higher than for the preceding six months. But the General Staff had hoped to gather as many as possible now as an insurance against lean recruiting years in the mid-

The need for manpower economies is felt most acutely in the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) where most new equipment like helicopters, missiles and armoured vehicles is stationed. Manpower in BAOR is slightly above the establishment figure of 55,000 and is in danger of rising much higher unless the Army starts to make savings.
The Army is reluctant to

By John Witherow

The fire that killed 44 people and injured more than 100 at a Dublin discotheque early on Saturday could happen in Britain, fire chiefs and the

Britain, fire chiefs and the British Safety Council said

yesterday.
"It is only by chance that the

fire in Dublin happeden there and not in the United King-

dom", Mr James Tye, director-general of the British Safety Council said in a statement. He pointed out that he had

given warnings for the past 10 years that discos, jazz clubs and other places of entertainment, particularly those for young

people, were dangerous.

So most of the options being looked at involve reducing the number of administrative jobs.

The withdrawal of one of the four 900-strong divisional headquarters from BAOR would mean parcelling out its peacetime duties among the remaining three divisions. Meanwhile the headquarters staff might be given additional jobs in Britain, but would remain together so that they could return to BAOR

The Army is reluctant to make a substantial reduction in the number of bands. But it is felt by some officers that the need or every infantry regiment to retain a band is now outdated.

There is also likely to be a renewed effort to merge some army services, like the medical branch, with the Royal Navy nd the RAF on a triservice

Those are all relatively minor adjustments which could have a hig effect on morale, so the Army is wary of moving too quickly. Officers insist, however, that

there is no intention to reduce the size of BAOR below its 55,000 establishment figure. They want only to prevent it from rising far above that total.

safety, they contain highly flammable materials, they are inspected infrequently, if at all, and so-called fire precautions are not monitored."

Mr Tye said the council had predicted a fire on the Dublin scale for a long time. He is calling for tighter regulations, including the compulsory install-

arion of sprinklers, the banning of foam furniture and padding

and frequent inspection by fire prevention inspectors.

Mr Reginald Doyle, chief fire officer for Kenr, said it would be impracticable to ban seating

'We have the Rolls-Royce ready and are waiting for the driver

# Civil servants complete guerrilla pay campaign

By David Felton Labour Reporter Union leaders

representing 530,000 white-collar civil servants are in the final planning stages of a campaign of indus-trial action which they intend to launch early next month unless the Government improves its 6 per cent pay

A communications centre in

Westminster will be linked with 40 regional action committees around the country to coordinate the guerrilla cam-paign and yesterday the union officials who will man the centre were given a final brief-ing by the senior London-based officials who will be meeting in almost continuous session to sanction requests from union members in specific areas.

Mr Peter Jones, secretry of the Council of Civil Service Unions, the umbrella body for the nine unions, said after the briefing: "We have the Rolls-Royce ready now and are just waiting for the driver to arrive.

The campaign, which expected to cost at least E300,000 a week in strike pay to members taking action, is expected to last for several reeks if ministers decide to make no improvement on the offer before a meeting of the unions on Thursday next week, when the action will be sanc-

Fire disaster on Dublin scale 'could happen in Britain'

There has been speculation that ministers are prepared to tax computers at Shipley, near relax the 6 per cent limit Bradford, and Cumbernauld,

deose smoke fierce flames and

and toxic fomes. But he added

that more research should be undertaken into the possibility

of using less dangerous foam.

Mr Doyle said there was a
number of night clubs in

Britain that operated illegally and had not been inspected by

fire safety officers. Others might have modified decora-

approval.
That could include putting

false ceilings Mr Doyle felt that British

flammable curtains and

without fire service

slightly in order to avoid such near Glasgow, and the equip-an unprecedented campaign of ment at Southend which handles an unprecedented campaign of antion, and it was being suggested in Whitehall last night that the unions may be called to a meeting with Lord Soames, Lord President of the Council and minister responsible for the Civil Service, at the end of this

The campaign would be aimed at key government computer centres such as the Paye income

cuts officers were unable to

inspect premises as often as they would like. "Panic in a fire, however, can always cause the best laid plans to go

wrong", he said.

Arson investigation: There is

still no hard evidence that arsonists caused the Stardust

Club fire, Chief Supt John O'Driscoll, in charge of investi-gations, said in Dublin yester-day (the Press Association

"Rumours are floating around and a number of allega-tions have been made in different places", he said. "But our minds are completely

reports).

Union leaders are hoping for a big turnout for a national one-day strike, which will prob-ably be held on March 5, to

launch the campaign. In addition to the selective strikes at computer centres, civil servants will be asked to work to rule, to hold meetings during working hours and withdraw cooperation and good will.

The communications centre

He appealed for anyone who

was at the club on the night

of the disaster, and anybody

else who had any information,

no matter how trivial, to get

in touch with the police About two hundred police were

yesterday taking and checking

Police want to interview a

woman worker at the club who

told a doorman minutes before

flames swept the premises that

she had seen someone starting a fire. But attempts to trace

her have been unsuccessful The number of dead was officially reduced from 48 to 44 last night. So far 29 of the dead have been identified.

New closed

shop dispute

in Midlands

An appeal was made to Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday by two school "dinner ladies" threatened with dismissal in

another closed shop dispute in the West Midlands.

From Arthur Osman

Walsall

Helpers in the campaign centre. Requests will be logged in quadruplicate. . .

during the day in two shifts, who will, in true Civil Service style, be required to log requests for assistance, finance or quadruplicate for distribution to various parts of the strike organization

Union leaders will take ... a policy decision next week on whether to sanction action in the sensitive departments of health and social security and

# Drug's effect is to lop 6,500ft off Everest

By Nicholas Timmins

Doctors in Birmingham University Medical School have found a drug that has the effect of lopping 6,500 ft off Mount Everest.

That may not turn the 29,000 ft mountain into a molehill, but the discovery could have considerable importance for the tens of thousands of people who go trekking in the Himalayas and Andes each year, and for a host of high altitude climbers, skiers and even soldiers whose duty takes them to the higher and less hospitable parts of the world.

One man who apparently rates the benefits of the drug highly is Father Piers Grand Ferris, the British Benedictine monk who spent eight days walking down the 23,000 ft Mount Aconcagua alone and without food last month. The Birmingham team supplied him with the drug for his climb and says he has written to say ju was of great value.

The drug is acetazolamide, used in the treatment of glaucoma but now shown by a team of 20 from the Birming ham Medical Research Expedi tionary Society to be of value in preventing acute mountain sickness. The condition, caused by altitude, produces nausea and headache in its mild form, but can be fatal when severe. Mild symptoms start in sus-ceptible individuals at about 10,444ft, although trekking parties have found that ascending far faster than the recom-mended rate may ward off the

condition.

Acetazolamide has been experimented with before; an ascent in 1979 of Mount Chimborazo, 20,000ft and Ecuador's highest mountain, has shown in a scientific study that the drug does appear to provide the condition of the condition of

work.
Ten members took the drug, 10 others a placebo, and the results, published in The Laucet, show that by both subjective assessment and clinical teststests those taking acetazolamide performed better in the oxygen-starved air and had fewer symptoms, although one climber on whom the drug

Dr Jo Bradwell, chairman of the society, who took part is the expedition, said: "I would expect that mountaineers and people who trek to altitude would benefit enormously". At the summit of Everest

the drug would give the physio-logical effect of being 6,500ft lower. The effect was relative, so that someone trekking, say, the Everest base camp, which is a popular holiday route but more than 17,000ft up, would gain tless benefit but still the equivalent of

That, Dr Bradwell said, could be most important in reducing Even experienced mountaineers such as Sir Edmund Hilary and Chris Bonnington were believed to have suffered from mountain

rickness. The condition took five to six hours to develop, and the fact that 90 per cent of acci-dents occurred during descent might be due not just to fatigue but to the early symptoms of mountain sickness. Even in the Alps mountaineers regularly spent time above 12,000ft, and about 250,000 people a year trekked at altitude in the Andes and Himalayas, he said.

Although the manufacturers list a number of side-effects, including dizziness and inita-bility, Dr Bradwell said that the doses given in the study caused no difficulties other than a sensation of pins and needles, which usually wears off.

The Ministry of Defence had taken some interest in the drug, as had the United States Atmy. but little had been published.

Brixton prison and belping two others to escape, including Gerard Tuite, the alleged IRA Court, London, yester-

Richard Moody, aged 41, of Rosendale Gardens, West Dul-wich, London, charged with con-spiring with his brother to effect the trio's escape.

ministrator, has been chosen from 128 applicants to be the

The Labour-controlled coun-cil at Walsall, which adjoins Sandwell, where Miss Joanna Harris, aged 20, a poultry in-spector, was dismissed last week ready to dismiss Mrs. Joan Cooper, aged 52, of Falmouth Road, Walsall, and Mrs Doris Todd, aged 35, of Fosseway Drive Erdington, Birmingham.

A telegram to Mrs Thatcher read: "Please help us. Dinner ladies closed shop dispute Wal-sail, West Midlands."

Mrs Cooper works at the Blue Coat Church of England infant school in Walsall, and Mrs Todd at the Streetly Comprehensive School, where some of her kitchen colleagues have refused to speak to her because she has declined to join the National Union of Public Em-

ployees.

Both lost their appeals against joining when they appeared before a disputes panel last Friday. The panel comprised of Labour councillors, union officials and a legal adviser from the local authority.

Councillor Brian Powell, the leader of the council, said yes-terday: "They could not justify not belonging to a trade union". Eight other people. mostly ancillary workers, would be re-quired to give their reasons for

not joining a union.

Mrs Cooper, who has six children, said: "I realize that I cannot win this bartle, but I am going to fight until I have to give up. I have never categorically said I would not join the union, but I will fight to stay out of it."

Mr Norsis McWhistar of the not joining a union.

Mr Norris McWhirter, of the Freedom Association, had been in touch with them.

in touch with them.

Mrs Todd said: "I have no intention of joining the union. We both felt the panel hearing was a waste of time and money. We felt at a disadvantage because they obviously had no intention of changing their minds and we felt it was a fait

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# In brief

#### Two for trial on jail plot charge Stanley Thompson, aged 35,

who is accused of escaping from man, on remand, was com-mitted at Camberwell Magiday on ball for trial.

Mr Thompson, of Ongar Way,
Rainham, Essex, was charged
with conspiring with Mr Tutte
and James Moody to escape
from the prison last December.
Also committed for trial, on
bail, was Mr Moody's brother.

#### Island Tories' choice

Mr David Wilshire, aged 37, political researcher and ad-Conservative parliamentary can-didate on the Isle of Wight. He is matried, with two children, and is from Midsomer Norton, near Bath.

#### Lost for a century

An inscribed silver trowel Roman Catholic church in Not-tingham in 1880 was bought in a shop in Japan, by an American tourist, who has returned it to the Bishop of Nottingham, the Right Rev James. the Right McGuinness.

Dearer drinks

Scottish and Newcastle Breweries increased the price of beers in its 550 managed public houses by 1p yesterday. A nip of spirits is 1p dearer in the North-east and 2p dearer

Qantas flights stop Qantas flights in and out of

Heathrow airport yesterday and today were cancelled because of a strike by the airline's staff in Australia.

# ITV chief says viewing is beating Saturday night out

By Kenneth Gosling The British addiction to a good Saturday night out is

rapidly giving way to a quiet evening in front of the telerision set, according to viewing figures disclosed at a London press conference held yesterday to publicize the spring schedules on commercial television.

Mr Michael Grade, director of transcenarios.

of programmes, London Week-end Television (LWT) said that 70 to 75 per cent of people with television sets were viewing on Saturday nights. He and his fellow programme controllers claimed most of that audience, not only on Saturdays but at other times as well. Allegations by advertisers that the BBC had pulled ahead

were firmly rejected. Mr Paul Fox, of Yorkshire Television, said that many independent television shows were featuring in the top 20 on Saturday nights; the balance had shifted to independent television and would stay there.

Mr Grade went farther. He said that as far as the winter schedules were concerned independent relevision had won every Saturday night; Dallas had slumped, ousted by The Professionals. "The audience is coming

back in very big numbers on Saturdays, and with people watching as much television now on all three channels 25 they ever did, this is very encouraging to us", Mr Grade

An unusually large number of new programmes will be shown by independent companies in the spring, including six comedy series and a good deal of original drama. A Ken deal of original drama. A code sand Loach film for ATV, Looks and Smiles, deals with youth un. Documentary and current

affairs programmes include an LWT film based on a year spent with Princess Anne, Captain Mark Phillips and their son,

#### Jump in number of student maths teachers By Diana Geddes Government's

#### **Education Correspondent**

Big increases in the number of students training to become
mathematics and science
teachers were announced
yesterday by Lady Young,
Minister of State for Education
and Science.

The world de an equally good
control Register and Clearing
House, which deals with all
teacher training, show that
applications to date for PGCE

New director

education body

A nutrition expert based in

the United States is to become director of the Health Educa-tion Council, the quango whose job is to persuade the nation to live a healthier life.

Professor Keith Taylor, aged 56, Professor of Medicine at the University of Stanford, is to

take up the job on July 1 at £25,695 a year.

That is understood to be some

£5,000 more than the salary of Mr Alastair Mackie, director

general for eight years, who is to take an 18-month sabbatical

until retirement after disagreements with some council

Mr Mackie, admired by

journalists for an often abrasive

style, was at times less popula

with health educators and MPs.

One campaign depicted a naked pregnant woman and asked "Is it fair to ask your baby to smoke?"

Professor Taylor, born in London, qualified in medicine at Oxford

for health

The numbers earolling for one-year Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) courses in mathematics, physics and chemistry last autumn were 45 per cent up on the previous French, year, she told a department Application of the previous four-year f

courses starting next October are up by 36 per cent for mathematics, 43 per cent for physics, 42 per cent for chemistry and 17 per cent for

Applications for three and four-year Eachelor of Education courses for students

year, and 27 for physics, compared with 15 last year.

Applications for BEd courses in French are down by nearly a fifth, while applications for craft, design and technology, another area in which there are serious shortages of qualified teachers in schools, are about

too low for proportionate scheme for adults aged over 28. increases to signify much; A total of 819 people had come scheme for adults aged over 28. there are 15 applicants for in under the scheme, compared chemistry, the same as last with 500 the year before.

for another two years. Support would also be given next year for the first time to teachers attending certain pilot courses of training in computer studies.

mic year its pilot scheme of national scholarships for ton quality students taking PGCE courses in mathematics and physical science at selected institutions. There was insuffi-

#### Fishermen step up Scots coast blockade From Ronald Faux

The fishermen's strike spread along the entire east coast of Scotland yesterday as skippers blockaded fishing ports in pro-test at the lack of official action to control cheap imports of fish. The fleet from Arbroath put to sea but was recalled and boats from Fife that had intended to sail at midnight on Sunday decided to stay in port after strike organizers in Peter-head had appealed for their

support.
Groups of fishermen from the north-cast intercepted freezer lorries loaded with imported fish and tried, with little success, to prevent them from delivering to factories in Abordeen. One strike official estimated that 2,500 boxes of fish had been brought in to

Aberdeen by road.
The fishing vessels lay moored closely together in Aberdeen harbour: a line of boats was strung out across the entrance to the fishing port. Fishermen argued angrily with fish buyers who arrived at the quay to try to persuade them to lift the blockade.

Committees representing ports in north-east Scotland were considering whether to step up their action and prevent ships from operating on oilrelated business from Aberdeen, Peterhead, Montrose and Dundee. A blockade of the oil terminal at Sullum Voe, Shetland, the largets oil port in Europe, is also being considered.

Appeal to ministry: The British Fishing Federation, represent-ing vessel owners at seven main ports, will be at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisherles and Food in London today pleading their case for early grant aid if bankruptcies are to be avoided Hull Correspondent

writes).

Mr Peter Walker, the minister, has said there is a case for an early review of the Government's financial aid programme. The federation disclosed yes-terday that an independent cost analysis showed that the traw-ler fleet lost £4.5m in the six months to December. In the same period the trawlermen were setting 10.8p at the quay-side for fish that cost them 14.70 to catch.

#### Six months' jail for supporter

John Kenneth Hickford, aged 21, a Middlesbrough football supporter, who ran on to the pitch during a Leeds United and Middlesbrough match, was jailed at Leeds Magistrates' Court vesterday for six months. Mr David Loy, the magistrate, told Mr Hickford, of Harthurn, Stockton-on-Tees: "Your conduct may well have caused a riot, or near-riot." Mr Hickford admitted using threatenford admitted using threaten-ing abusive and insulting words

# the Scottish countryside north of Perthshire were defaced last

or behaviour likely to cause a

# Yachtswoman and friend on poisoning charge

Rosie Swale, the round-thefriend. Tracey Stamp, who had a sex-change operation 20 years ago, poisoned Miss Stamp's friend. Keirh Vincent, a jury was told at Winchester Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Roger Titheridge, QC, for the prosecution, said that Miss Swale, aged 31, and Miss Stamp, aged 45, formerly Bernard Stamp, used a poison called Cytisine from the seeds of the laburnum tree.

They gave it to Mr Vincent not to cause him serious injury but to keep him out of the way, counsel added. The accused couple also Vincent jailed for breaking an undertaking not to pester them.

he added. They arranged for a

wreath to be sent to Miss Stamp, making out it had come

When interview by the police

From a Staff Reporter

Road signs in a wide area of

reekend with the slogan Ceartas", which is Gaelic for

The action came after the failure of the private member's Bill on Gaelic in the Commons.

About forty road signs were defaced. A spokesman claiming to be from a Gaelic language group calling itself Ceartas telephoned the Aherdeen Press

telephoned the Aherdeen Press and Journal and announced that

a long-running campaign would be launched similar in style to

Militant Gaels were clearly

the Welsh language protest.

Miss Swale had claimed that Miss Stamp was not involved. Mr Titheridge said it was untrue to say she had done it alone. He added: "The prose-cution say the object of this was to shield and protect Miss Both women, of Chapel

House, Pen-ffordd, Dyfed, deny maliciously administering poison to Mr Vincent with intent to injure, aggrieve or annoy

They also deny attempting to pervert the course of justice by fabricating evidence from which it might appear he was in breach of undertakings given to the High Court and had molested Tracey Stamp. Each further denies a charge of perjury.
The trial continues today.

# message: "My Dear wife. From

Gaelic campaigners daub

'justice' on road signs

housing clash
By Our Planning Reporter An attempt to avert a clash over the transfer of new towns housing to local authorities will he made on Thursday when members of the Association of District Councils meet Mr Geoffrey Finsberg, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of the Environ-

The matter has been an issue for years, since Basildon council refused to take on responsibility for development corporation houses without government financial help. Recently it was announced that all the remaining new town corporations are to be

The councils may refuse to accept the housing without specific government guarantees.

They fear that they will be

saddled with large extra costs achieved.

# Wife strangled man, 82, for money, QC says Bernadine Arnett married her husband, aged 82, after a

Tracey McKay, aged nine, and Mr Keith Wyncoll, of the Crystal Palace Foundation, London,

cleaning a dilapidated sphinx adorning a terrace on the old palace site. Volunteers of the

foundation, set up in 1979, aim to preserve items of historical interest.

angered by the failure of the

Bill and because Westminster took the view that Gaebic did

not require further protection.
The anonymous spokesman told
the newspaper: "We now plan
a campaign of civil disobediance

which will include the destruc-tion of transmitters in Scotland

and England". An Comunn Gaidhealach, the

such a modest claim had been rejected and that it had taken

five hours of debate to do it.

Effort to avert

new towns

week's courtship, and strangled him 10 weeks later, Mr Peter Crowder, QC for the prosecu-tion, said at Reading Crown Court yesterday.

Mrs Arnett, aged 51, had claimed it was because he demanded ocal sex, but the real reason was that she married him and murdered him for his money, Mr Crowder said.

society which is the chief pro-moter of Gaelic, had described the Bill as potentially the most important happening for a generation in the Gaelic world. Mrs Arnett, of Monkswood Close, Newbury, Berkshire, denied murdering her husband by strangling him with her hands and did dressing gown cord Mr Colin Spencer, secretary, said yesterday that they were extremely disappointed that on October 22 last. Mr Crowder said Mr Arnett had been married to his first wife for 40 years up to her death in 1973. Since then he had lived alone in his \$32,000 detached bungalow on a £12-a-week pension from his job as

a salesman. He had never had an overdraft, but his second wife began to run one up soon after their marriage. Counsel added: "In a matter of 10 weeks he was dead. To put it in a nurshell, this lady, who is some 31 years vounger than her childless husband, married him for his money and murdered him for

his money.

She was out for money.

After some weeks it became senile and stupid as she thought and there were indications that the will was going in another direction.

The trial continues today. Helicopter trial Routine patrols by a helicop-ter were started by Thames Valley police yesterday for a six-week trial to see whether

man hour savings can be

upon Thames.

summer. The signs were that there would be an equally good

Those students would be whose first subject is mather retraining this year as teachers available for employment as matics are up by 29 per cent. of "shortage," subjects under

the same as last year.

Lady Young also said that a record number of people had come forward for training and

The scheme would continue

The Government has post-poned until the 1982-83 acadecient time to select candidates

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# Drug's WEST EUROPE Thousands join huge protest at death of Basque suspect

From Richard Wigg Medrid, Feb 16

Tens of thousands of people joined a demonstration tonight in the three main cities of the Basque region in protest at the death in police custody of Senor José Ignacio Arregui, aged 30, who was suspected of being a member of ETA, the Basque separatist organization.

The demonstrations came after a day in which there was an almost complete general strike throughout the region.

Large and small industries closed, often after protest assemblies among the staff. In the three main cities the local authorities, transport, the post office and the municipal police all stopped working, as did schools, universities, shops and

The regular Monday meeting of the Basque regional cabiner was also suspended. In San Sebastián bank clerks

marched through the main streets while hospitals staged symbolic strikes or attended only to emergency cases for the

day. In Vitoria, seat of the new autonomous government, a crowd of about 2,000 marched on the office of the civil governor shouting slogans against the Spanish police.

The strike, called by all the Basque political parties, except the Centre Democratic Union, and all the trade unions, coincided with the funeral of Senor Arregui in his native town where the coffin had been displayed on a catafalque in the

main square.

An estimated 10,000 people followed the funeral service at which 11 priests officiated.

This evening's demonstrations used the same slogan—" peace and an end to violence for the Basque country"—as that adopted for the huge anti-ETA demonstration a week ago after the killing of a Basque nuclear engineer from the Lemoniz power station, by ETA Militar, the organization to which Señor Arregui belonged. But the Basques were also protesting today for all Spanused the same slogan—" peace and an end to violence for the

From Gretel Spitzer

For the first time in years

the possibility of German

cunification has been officially

mentioned in East Germany.

. Speaking to party function-

Jerman leader, not only used

he word-it was crossed off

he party statute years ago— out also approved of unifica-ion should West Germany

The day would come when socialism would be knocking at

the doors of West Germans now pretending that unification mattered more to them than their purses, he said. Once the

working people embraced socialism to remould West Ger-

many, the question of unifica-

would stand in a new light.
"There should be no doubt
what our decision would be",
he said to prolonged applause.
In a realistic assessment of
the scope of action of both German states as members of dif-

man states as members of dif-ferent blocks, Herr Honecker emphasized the significance of

relations between the two states

' socialist "

Berlin, Feb 16

iards who have been shocked by the evident survival of police methods of the Franco era in spite of Article 15 of the constitution of 1978, which states: "Every citizen has a right to life and shall under no circumstances be submitted to torture or inhuman or degrading treatment"

degrading treatment."

The Spanish press has begun to speculate that Señor Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, if confirmed later this week by parliament as Prime Minister, will seize on the opportunity provided by forming a new administration to forming a new administration to drop Senor Juan Jose Roson, the Interior Minister, in accord-ance with the traditions of ministerial responsibility in Western democracies.

Senor Roson belongs to the Azules "faction of the Centre Democratic Union, so called because he was among those elements who joined the party formed for the 1977 general elections straight from the Franco regime's bureaucracy and who formerly wore the blue shirts of the Enlarge shirts of the Falange.

Later today an investigating magistrate is due to begin hearing the five Madrid police inspectors, now detained, who conducted the investigations. A final post mortem report says that Senor Arregui's death was that Senor Arregul's death was caused by respiratory troubles resulting from bronchial pneu-monia due, in turn, to "physical violence". The Cortes, Spain's parlia-ment, reassembles tomorrow after the Christmas recess and

one day before Señor Calvo Sotelo presents his government programme: Opposition parties have indicated they intend to press the outgoing government on the scandar on the scandal.

A total of 114 of the 147. convicted or suspected ETA

He said East Germany would

continue in accordance with the coordinated East block foreign

policy, to try to shape its rela-tions with West Germany to

East German sources implied

this was a main topic on the

East Germany aganda for Herr Honecker's meeting with Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West Ger-

safeguard peace.

Herr Honecker favourable

to reunification of Germany

Speaking to party function-tries in East Berlin yesterday explore the possibility of a Herr Erich Honecker, the East joint German initiative on dis-

Berlin).



The shattered interior of an office in the South Yemeni Embassy in Paris after yesterday's attack

# Rockets fired at Paris embassy of S Yemen

From Charles Hargrove . Paris, Feb 15

The South Yemen Embassy, near the Arc de Triomphe, was damaged in a racket attack early today. No one was injured but a fire was started which partly destroyed the first floor offices of the embassy.

An anonymous caller later claimed that the attack was in

retaliation for "all the victims of the Rue Copernic". Last October, an explosive device went off outside the synagosue in the Rue Copernic nearby, while prayers were in progress. Four people were killed and 20 others injured.

The attack appeared to be the work of professionals. The two rockets which caused the damage were fired with a timing device from a courtyard in Avenue d'Iena, which overlooks the back of the South Yemen

man Chancellor, that was can-celled by Herr Schmidt at short The launchers were placed on a wall, about 9 ft high, and trained on the first floor win-dows of the embassy about 30 Cool reception: West Germany responded coolly to Herr Honecker's statement on unifiyards away. They smashed through the iron bars and shutters of one window and excation (Revier reports from ploded in one of the offices, starting a fire. About half an hour after the

Berlin).

SPD leader quits: Herr Dietrich Stobbe, the Chief Burgomaster of West Berlin until he resigned last month when defeated by the House of Representatives, today announced his resignation as chairman of explosion, a recorded message was received on the telephone by Agence France-Presse agency. It said: "We claim res-ponsibility for the action carried out bis morning against the South Yemen Embassy. We signed it next to the launching spot of the rockets. Remember Copernic." the West Berlin Social Democratic Party (SPD) (Gretel Spitzer writes). Herr Peter Glotz, successor to

Herr Egon Bahr as manager of the SPD in Bonn, agreed to take over the chairmanship of the for world peace, a relationship over the cl that carries "no little weight". Berlin SPD. two burned-out rocket laun-chers, and on top of the wall

where they had been sited the zinc sheeting had partly melted away, but scrawled in black paint, the words "remember Coperaic" were still visible.

The embassy remained closed today. But it issued a statement this afternoon which said that there was no doubt whatever as to those responsible for the attack. They are the forces hostile to the Popular Democrafic Republic of Yemen, who hope to deflect the Yemeni people from their struggle to achieve a better future.

"This terrorist act is the more criminal because the embassy staff live in the build-ing with their families and peaceful civilians were singled

"This attack, which could have led to loss of life, is in flagrant contradiction with flagrant contradiction with diplomatic rules and norms. We therefore expect of the French authorities that they start im-mediate investigations which must lead to the arrest of the executioners who planned this aggression", the embassy state-

ment said.

Mr Ibrahim Souss, the representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization in France, declared that the attack against the South Vemen Embassy coincided with "repeated acts of provocation against the offices and representatives of the PLO in Paris in the last few days."

Police investigation into the

bomb attack against the syna-gogue in the Rue Copernic is still marking time after four months. No trace has yet been found of a mysterious "man with a motorbike"

# US move on disarmament breaks deadlock at Madrid conference

ing. His remark cleared the way for the possibility of an even-tual disarmament conference, something which the Soviet Union has insisted on since the Helsinki review talks began here last November. Until today, America had lend our support in this meeting to cosmetic and meaning-

withheld support from all of the various proposals of matters of security. Since the final conclusions of the Madrid conference must be approved by all participating countries, the non-committal attitude of the Americans threatened for some months to block progress

in the security area.

The French proposal backed by members of the European Community, was tabled last December. It incorporates an

Madrid, Feb 16

The United States broke what had appeared to be a deadlock at the European security review conference here today by taking a long awaited stand on security and disarmating of all significent military activities through Europe. The stand on security and disarmating of all significent military activities through Europe. The United States activities through Europe. The United States activities through Europe. The proposal ment issues and backing a French proposal military activities through Europe. The United States activities through Europe. The proposal military activities through Europe. The United States activities through Europe. The proposal military activities through Europe. The United States activities through Europe. The proposal military activities through Europe. The United States activities through existing of all significent military activities through existing of all significent m United States has insisted on repeatedly: confidence-building

said: "Unless this meeting mandates a negotiation with specific and firm criteria those who dislike effective confidence-building measures will keep us talking about words, about vague declarations and about pious but meaningless pronouncements for generations to come, and all without coming to grips with the basic coming to grips with the basic requirements for real security ... We will absolutely not

Mr Kampelman also emphasized another point at the session. The United States expects, he said—"a balance of progress on security, on human rights and on economic co-operation. The progress operation . . The progress we contemplate in the security area must be marched by significant steps forward in the other areas of the review con-

The French proposal on security calls for confidence-building measures effective from the Atlantic to the Urals. This is much deeper inside the Soviet Union than the present limit of 250 kilometres (155 miles) east of the Soviet Union's European border.

The chief American delegate rebutted East European objections, that the Soviet Union would be obliged under the French proposal to reveal troop movements in its own territory whereas the United States would not

He argued that more Soviet troops would actually be exempted from coverage than American troops since there are about twice as many Soviet troops east of the Urals as there are American troops in the United States.

The French proposal is more specific than a Polish plan, which is the principal one presented by the Soviet block. Asked whether the United Asked whether the United States could support a "marriage" of the French and Polish proposals, Mr Kampalman said at a news conference after his speech that "the essential preconditions" regarding obligatory confidence building measures must be included as part of the dowry if there are any suitors pro-"if there are any suitors pro posing marriage".

Greek bases talks run into snags

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Feb 16
The negotiations between the
United States and Greece on
the future status of the Anterican military installations here, have run into some difficulty. have run into some difficulty. Both sides however rejected suggestions today that the talks, which began three weeks ago, had reached an impasse.

The Greek Government is trying to trade off the bases against some credible United States reassurances about Greece's safety in the Aegean, including a pledge that the

including a pledge that the practice of granting military aid to Greece and Turkey so as not to upset the balance of power between them will be

Exchanges about this request as well as about this request as well as about the assurances sought for Greek territorial integrity in the Aegean are taking place at higher level but Washington appears reluctant to assume any commitments that could embarrass-its relations with Turkey.

The base negotiations proper

The base negotiations proper which are being conducted by diplomatic-military teams in Athens, were suspended for a few days for technical reasons, but will be resumed next week with the intention of winding

up the first exchanges

One of the most difficult
points in the negotiations is the extent of the command and control that the Greek base commander would be able to exercise within the bases to ensure against their unauthorized use for non-Nato purposes.

#### Hospital escape by terrorist

Parma, Feb 16.—A convicted member of an Italian terrorist gang escaped from a hospital

Cesare Maino, aged 40, was recently transferred from Pama prison to the hospital where he was having tests for a liver complaint. Police had no immediate details of how he escaped. He had been serving a 15-year sentence—Reuter.

#### British plea for farm price restraint From Michael Hornsby levels which did not contribute a collective statement setting out their view on the criteria that should determine the price

A plea to EEC agriculture for agricultural suspluses to ministers to show restraint people to have suffered loss of munity farm orices at the basis of minimum and it was "the basis or munity farm orices at the basis or munity farm or many than the basis or many than the b munity farm prices at the annual spring review was made here today by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor of the

Exchequer.
Sir Geoffrey said that agriculture ministers should bear

about 70 per cent).

It was imperative, Sir Geoffrey said, that real increases in fadm prices should be kept at when they are expected to issue

argue for the acceptance of economic reality even if it is tough".

The Chancellor was speaking during a discussion by EEC finance ministers of the financial implications of this year's farm price pegofiations, which

culture ministers should bear three things in mind—the need to fight inflation; the need to restrain public spending by governments; and the need to reduce the share of agriculture in the EEC budget (currently shout 70 per cent).

The finance ministers intend to return to the subject at their

nesday or Thursday, is already clear, and is expected to involve an average farm price rise of 7 to 8 per cent.

Sir Geoffrey refused to be drawn on what the British Government would consider a reasonable price settlement, but reasonable price settlement, but a figure of 4 to 5 per cent is said to be favoured by the Treasury and the Ministry of Agriculture. Most other member-states have indicated that they are looking for a two figure increase.

settlement.
The broad outline of the

commission's proposals which will be made known on Wed-



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# Elections keep M Marchais at home

M Georges Marchais, Secre-Communist Party is not going to the Soviet party congress in Moscow at the end of this month. He is the third West

European communist leader a radio interview last night.
who is unable to make the trip. M Pierre Juquin, a member of But the reasons for M Marchais not attending are quite different from those of his Spanish and Italian counter-parts, Señor Santiago Carillo and Signor Eurico Berlinguer. They have to do with the French elections and imply no disapproval of Soviet policy in Europe or the armed intervention in Afghanistan.

In contrast, the Spanish and Italian communist parties have

given warning that Soviet inter-vention in Poland would lead

From Our Own Correspondent to a break in their relations

M Marchais, who has reverted to a strictly orthodox line in relations with Moscow at the expense of his earlier enthuslasm for Eurocommunism, made his announcement during M Pierre Juquin, a member of

the political bureau of the French Communist Party, said: "The leadership of the party had decided that Georges Mar-

Plissonnier, secretary central committee. would obviously not be judicious from an electoral point of view, Le Figuro points out today, for M Marchais to be photographed on Red Square

tion describes the French communist leader's decision to stay away from the congress as opportunism".

It would look a little too much as though he were going to Moscow to receive his marching orders, to do everything in his party's power to facilitate the reelection of President Giscard d'Estaing, without appear-ing to do so, or, rather, to ensure that M Mitterrand, the

Holland joins the world's

From Robert Schuff
Amsterdam, Feb 16
Wine from grapes grown and ripened on what was seabed a few decades ago today put Holland on the vinicultural map of the world.

The first bottle of white Flevolander was handed with some ceramony tonight to the mayor of Dronten in the Flevoloider which claims to possess

polder which claims to possess not only the most northerly vineyard in the world but also the lowest lying one. The 1980 vintage was only 20

litres but this is expected to increase to between 5,000 and 6,000 litres in few years time. About 1,000 Weissburgunder vines were planted in the Dronten vineyard three years ago.

#### French Academy honours From Peter Nichols Dr Sakharov

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, Feb 16

Dr Andrei Sakharov, the leading Soviet physicist and human rights campaigner, was today elected a foreign associate of the French Academy of Science. He has been living in exise in Gorkiy, 125 miles east of Mos-cow, for the past year.

He was elected an associate member of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, another of the five academies of the Institut de France, a year

"This election is not a political act", M Paul Germain, one of the two secretaries of the Academy of Science declared after today's election,

"Our choice was based on the great importance of the work achieved my Sakharov in the different fields of physics. In spice of his exile, Dr Sakharov continues to write a great deal, notably on the structure of marter

# chais would not go out of France during the whole cur-

rent period.

The political bureau of the party has said it would be represented in Moscow by a delegation led by M Georges

at the very moment when the Warsaw Pact countries might decide to intervene militarily in Poland. The leftist newspaper Libera-

Police investigators found the

Socialist Parry candidate, does not benefit from communist votes in the second ballot

# wine producers

# Mystery of Russian letter 'leak'

Rome, Feb 16 Who is influencing whom is a fair question after accusations here tonight that Signor Enrico here tonight that Signor Eurico
Berlinguer, the Communist
Party leader, sought in a speech
yesterday at Turin to impose
the party's views on the unions.
In the same speech, he rejected what he regarded as Soviet
interference in Polish affairs
in response to Russian accusain response to Russian accusa-tions that he, not they, was the misleading influence on the

The speech may well turn out to be as important as it is obscure. It comes after a deep political mystery broke over the publication of a highly confidential letter to him from the Russians on the Polish

The text will appear in the next number of the periodical Panorama. It contains harsh criticism of the Italian party's anti-Soviet treatment of the Polish crisis. The Italians are accused—obviously in what was Given that he is known to supposed to have been a secret have troubles with his more reprimand — of

leashed a true and proper offensive against socialism in

The letter arrived in Decem-The letter arrived in December and was brought personally to Signor Berlinguer by an official of the Soviet Embassy. Its existence has only now been made public and it is still far from certain whether its contents were revealed to Panorama by the party here or by the Russians.

There is a plausible explanation for either theory. The communists here might wish to have their hands clean in the event of a Russian invasion of Poland.

their hands clean in the event of a Russian invasion of Poland. They might also feel that publication of the highly critical letter shows them to be free of Russian influence.

The Russians might have published it is not to be the published.

lished it in order to demonstrate to the uneasy rank and file of the Italian party how dan-gerously far Signor Berlinguer is carrying them from the gospel according to Moscow. "supporting traditionalist followers, especi-

openly anti-communist President in the United States makes flexibility suspect, the view of a Russian breach of confidence is also not unthinkable. Signor Berlinguer did not go a long way towards solving the mystery yesterday.

On domestic measures, how-ever, including the need for a political lead to the trade union movement, he was musually harsh. He called for a "pro-found transformation which includes the economy, society, the parties and also ideas because one thing is certain it is not possible to emerge from the present situation with simple adjustments and mar-

ginal corrections". But Signor Berlinguer's dilemma is that he needs evidence of difficulties with the Russiaus in order to cultivate at home his own claim to lead a potential party of Govern-ment. Which brings one back to the theory that he, not the Russians, might have leaked the

# US space shuttle is worrying Moscow.

today accused the United States of planning to use its new space shuttle to extend the arms race to space.

One of the shuttle's main tasks, the party newspaper claimed, would be to test lasers capable of destroying rockets in mid-flight. The shuttle would have other military functions, such as inspecting objects in space and retrieving them for dismantling or destruction

Moscow would clearly be concerned about the possibility of its own space satellites being picked up and brought back Unlike previous spacecraft, the shuttle is designed to return to carth intact and to be used again for other missions.

The Pravda accusations came on the eve of important shuttle on the eye of indortant statute engine tests at the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral, Florida. Washington has in-sisted it will use space only for peaceful purposes.—Reuter.

# British High Commissioner went beyond 'normal functions' over constitutional issue, Canada says

Ottawa, Feb 16
Sir John Ford, British High
Commissioner to Canada, went
beyond his "normal functions" in conversations about patriation of the Canadian constitution, and strayed into the realm of politics, the Canadian Gov-ernment found today. Mr Mark MacGuigan,

Mr Mark MacGuigan, Canada's External Affairs Minicanada's external Artens mini-ster, said however, he had been informed that the British Gov-ernment has "no intention" of interfering in Canadian affairs, and that he considered the matter of Sir John's conduct

Mr MacGulgan was reporting on an "investigation" launched earlier this mouth after Mr Edward Broadbent, the leader of Canada's New Democratic Party (NDP), accused Sir John of "intolerable interseference" in Canadian affairs.

The charge resulted from a

of Parliament at a skaring party. Sir John outlined the difficulties which Mr Pierre Trudeau's present move to bring home the constitution from Britain is likely to face in the British Par-

In making the change, in the House of Commons, Mr Broadbent said there had also been other instances where Sir John had overstepped the bounds of proper diplomatic conduct.

Answering a Commons nestion about the investigation to-day Mr MacGuigan said the Canadian Government had no objection to anything the High Commissioner may have done to represent his G verument's position "in relation to its

Nor did it object to his trying to "communicate an under-standing of the situation in the British Parliament. This is an entirely appropriate type of diplomatic activity." Part of what Sir John had done fell into this category.

" noted " the views expressed in himself, Mr MacGuigan did not single our any instances today where Sir John allegedly ex-ceeded his normal functions.

The British High Commission here said the Foreign Office today expressed renewed confidence in Sir John. The High Commissioner was expected back in Ottawa later today : Ottawa's case: Mr MacGuigan is to visit London next mombi

to press Ottawa's case in the

constitutional dispute (Our Foreign Staff writes).

He is to address the Canada Club on March 25 on the constitution, and probably will seek a meeting with Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, Canadian officials in London said.

Debate on a Bill to amend the Canadian constitution begins Parliament at Ottawa

# Philippines prepares to welcome the Pope

The Pope will wimess some sharp contrasts between the rich and poor in Asia and in the influence of the Christian faith in the region when he arrives in Manila tomorrow to begin a mine-day visit to the Philippines and Japan.

Reflecting how the Roman Catholic Church has emerged as a dominant force in the Philippines during the past four centuries, millions of staunch Christians, many of them representing some of the poorest people on earth, are expected to line the streets of Manila and other cities during the next four days to pay homage to the Pope.

Making his first visit to Asia as leader of the Carbolic Church, the Pope will celebrate Mass at Manila Cathedral tomorrow and bearify Lorenzo Ruiz, a seventeenth-centwy Christian martyr on Wednesday. He will then witness the real problems of the church in Asia, the reason why a Third World country, dominated by Roman Carbolicism, has virtually defied Rome and is attempting to promote all forms of birth constrol

conirol.

On Wednesday the Pope will be escorted to the district of Tondo in Manila, one of the country's worst slums, where he will meer "the poorest of the poor", staunch supporters of the Catholic Church who eke out a living supporting large families on minimal wages.

"We are not informing the families selected to meet the Pope in Tondo. If we did they

Pope in Tondo. If we did they would attempt to use their small savings to dress up for the visit. We want the Pope to

the visit. We want the Pope to see them at first hand ", Father Melchor Dando, the local parish priest said.

However, Father Melchor pointed out that all of the families under review are staunch Catholics and have six or more children.

re children.
Michael Fernandez, a social worker said: "That should show the Pope why we must reduce our birth rate from the existing level of 2.3

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

It was a great occasion, a sentimental occasion, a day to tug the memories of guerrilla fighters and Cabinet ministers alike, the reopening of Zimbabwe House in the Strand yes-

When Dr Witness Mang-wende, Zimbabwe's Foreign Minister, declared the new

High Commission open for business in the building, now newly painted after standing empty for 15 years of Rhodesia's rebel-

lion, it marked an extraordinary turning of the diplomatic wheel of fortune.

who had handed the colony

over to independence, was in his most ebullient form, greet-ing like long lost brothers the men whom just a year ago he had been battling with over the

Sir Alec Douglas Home, for-mer Foreign Secretary, was there, as was Dr David Owen, both politicians whom the

Africans had many times

It was also an occasion when bad news was coming from Zimbabwe, in the serious clashes between rival forces in

Bulawayo. Dr Eddison Zvobgo,

formerly Patriotic Front spokesman at the Lancaster

House conference and now Minister of Local Government

derided and denounced

Bullock carts laden with baskets trundling under a welcome In sharp contrast to In sharp contrast to the poverty, political unrest and the deep seated roots of the Catholic Church in the Philippines, the Pope will fly to Japan next week to see the newlyfound affluence and stability of a society motivated by Confucian ethics.

When he arrives in Tokyo the country's authoritarian leader, President Marcos, and his wife at Malacanang Palace tomorrow; but Cardinal Jaime Siu, the Archbishop of Manila, and the church, a leading champion on human rights,

have been at pains not to associate the Government too closely with the Pope's visit. When he arrives in Tokyo the Pope will find the church as a small and uninfluential religious "This is a pastoral visit. More than 85 per cent of 49 million Filipinos are Catholic and so we want to make certain that President Marcos is unable to use the visit to enminority within the social-framework of the world's second largest industrial power. "The Catholic Church is tolerated and even admired in unable to use the visit to en-

Japan; but we must accept the fact that we have failed to attract more than a tiny minority to our faith since Christianity was first introduced to Japan. Father Jamie Lopez, a visiting Jesuit, admits. hance his political ambitions", a prominent leader of the church, the country's main opposition force, told The The Pope will also fly to the southern islands of the archipelago to get a close view of an uprising of minority

requirements."
The only critical note,

Statistics released recently by the Japanese Government reveal that about 1 per cent of Japan's 116 million people are. Christian and only 400,000 of

The advance of the Catholic Church was retarded in Japan in 1620 when the Tokugawa. Shogunate isolated Japan from the rest of the world and banned Christianity as a foreign

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Christians who refused to convert to Buddhism renounced their religion in public but remained "bidden Christians" until the Tokugawa dynasty was toppled in 1856 and Japan re-opened its contacts with the

Father José de Vera, the dean of Tokyo's Roman Catholic Sophia university, recently told journalists that he hopes me Pope's visit will provide the Vatican with more understanding of the Roman Catholics' problems in Japan and at the problems in Japan and, at the same time, enhance the church's

But despite the church's standing in Japan, there can be little doubt millions of curious Japanese will follow the Pope's visit with keen interest.

# Zimbabwe House opens its doors

contrast, yesterday was sounded by Mr Enos Nkala, the Minister of Finance. He feels aggrieved, From David Cross Washington, Feb 16

An attempt by the Sovier secret police to blackmail and recruit an American military

Lord Soames, with a friendly hug around the minister's shoulders, did his best to pertoday. The attaché, Major James Holbrook, was recalled to Washsuade him that Britain is doing a great deal, but Mr Nkala was shortly after informing his superiors of the blackmall attempt. He was one of four not convinced. Next month an candidates recommended by the

place in the western Ukrainian city of Royno in the middle of January. The major, who is a 🕾 Soviet effairs specialist and speaks Russian fluently, was

Colonel Thomas Spencer, an army colleague.

While the two men were in the city, which is not far from the Polish border, Colonel Spencer became ill—possibly army drugged—and the two men became separated. Because of the arms of being alone under the transport of the KGB. American watch of the KGB, American

in the Soviet Union.

It was at this stage that an stage sic attempt was made to blackman the stage with the stage stage. in the Soviet Union. compromising photographs of him. It was not clear from the Washington Post account how the attempt to blackmail the

ook. Other sources quoted by American news agencies in Moscow said, however, that the major was photographed in a compromising situation with a Soviet woman. There were threats that the material would have made within the major would be major within the major was a source of the major was photographed in a source of the major was provided by the major

has refused to confirm or deny the various accounts of the attempted spy recruitment.

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#### Vote-catching budget in South Africa

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, Feb 16 South Africa was treated to vote-catching mini-budget to-

day with Mr Owen Horwood, the Finance Minister, announ-cing a broad package of pay rises for public servants and pensioners and hinting at more

pensioners and hinting at more tax cuts. Voters go to the polls on April 29 and it was widely expected that Mr Horwood, introducing a Rands 8,900 million (about £5,028m) part-appropriation Bill would take steps to cure disenchantment of public servants.

Teachers, who have been leaving the profession in thousands for better paid jobs in the private sector, were singled out for a 20 per cent rise. There were also increases for prison officers, the police, nurses and

# Four sentenced to death for Mozambique terror

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg, Feb 16

Four men have been sen-tenced to death and 27 to long Prison terms in Mozambique for crimes committed in the name of the Malawi-based Free

Muslim militants who are fight-

ing for a separate Islamic state, a battle that has gone on for 80

not represent a setback in any shape or manner to our pro-cess of reconciliation. he declared firmly.

"You must understand that

ceeded to deal with these acrs of disobedience by disciplining the forces. The situation is

absolutely under control. We have no further anxiety Dr. Zvobgo insisted that the

fighting bore no relation to the

Government's policy of recon-cilistion. "We ler bygones be

bygones, because to reopen the

past is simply to prejudice our

chances of reconciliation. The

process of integration is

succeeding very well."
One sign of this, certainly, was the presence yesterday of a white Zimbabwean, Mr Denis Norman, the Minister of Agri-

culture, who gave a glowing report on the new nation's pro-

"Agriculture is the big safety valve", he said. "It is the most

important industry in the coun-

try and it meets three essential needs. It is the biggest em-ployer of labour at 34 per cent, it is also the largest single

of the Malawi-based Free African Movement.

The official Mozambique news agency, AlM, reported from Maputo today that the movement was closely related to the Mozambique National Resistance (RNM) movement which President Samora Machel of Mozambique has claimed is backed by South Africa.

The four men sentenced to death were said to have spread terror in northern Mozambique

and to have murdered peasants who had joined cooperatives and communal villages. The 27 jailed for between eight and 14 years were convicted of armed robbery, receiving military both countries.

There has so far been no official South African response to President Machel's denunciation of the attack by South African troops three weeks ago on a headquarters base of the outlawed South African National Congress (ANC) near Maputo. President Machel paraded eight army officers, barefoot and maracled before a crowd of 50,000 people, and said they would be charged with treason

and corruption. He said they had ordered their troops not to

there was no hint in his three-hour speech of any change in the economic relationships which are extremely valuable to

#### Attache may have been and Housing, played down the earner of foreign exchange, and reports of the fighting. "The events in Bulawayo do country with its entire food drugged by Russians

"You must understand that what has happened in Bulawayo was simply the fact of a few members of the armed forces, specifically Zipra, disobeying government orders.

"It did not involve any civilians and the Government proceeded to deal with these acts given its long colonial legacy of finance. He feels aggreeved, and has not stitted to express his views, about the British aid contribution to Zimbabwe. Although the Government bas pledged £75m in aid, and written off £22m in debt, Mr Nkala objects to the British attutude, given its long colonial legacy in Rhedesia. attaché as a spy might have in volved the use of drugs to inca-pacitate him and a colleague, The Washington Post reported

> attended by Britain and other donor countries, will meet in Salisbury, to help Zimbabwe's development more substantially. Dr Mangwende called on Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday, where the main subject discussed was the future of Namibia.
>
> Dr. Mangwende's main com-Army for the post of special military adviser to Mr George Bush, the Vice-President. The post has yet to be filled.
> According to informed sources in Moscow quoted by the paper the attempt to recruit Major Holbrook as a spy took

future. of Namidia.

Dr. Mangwende's main complaint, he made clear to the press yesterday, was that British papers gave a distorted picture of life in Zimbabwe: "The situation is not as bad as it is painted", he said. "We have achieved what many Governments failed to achieve in 20 years—peace." isiting the city with Lieutenant 25 Colonel Thomas Spencer, an

attaches always travel in pairs stee

that it apparently involved a Soviet colonel who was an old acquaintance of Major Hol-

be made public unless be agreed to work for the Soviet Union.

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#### engage in combat with the South Africans. But he made no specific terror in northern Mozambique threats against South Africa and

#### Solidarity union hopeful on labour truce From Dessa Trevisan Warsaw, Feb 16 . The first 'serious indication

that Poland's independent trade union leadership is ready to accept the appeal by General Jaruzelski, the Prime Minister, for a strike-free period of 90 days came today in an interview with Mr Karol Modzelewski, the spokesman for Solidarity. He left no doubt that the union welcomed the Government and regarded its programme as creating a real

point Government programme

has greatly contributed to this by his unequivocal pledge to

chance for the dangerous trends in the country to be halted and for a new partnership that could usher in a new era in The political climate has changed dramatically and the tense situation has calmed down. General Jaruzelski's 10-

open a dialogue with the in weak authority which failed

dangerous spread of local strikes. It has let it be known that some controversial issues will not now be negotiated under the threat of strikes but in a calm atmosphere, thus showing willingness to meet the Government's call for a truce.

General Jaruzelski's Govern-ment, the union spokesman said today, commanded respect and was enhancing confidence, which is new in Poland as in the past six months similar Government appeals had fallen on deaf ears. Mr Modzelewski spoke of the

new Government's programme as providing a real chance for the country. What Poland needed, he said, was a strong Government as the danger was

eople. to win social respect and tended Solidarity, on its part, has to ignore the union by contaken several steps to stop the fronting it with fait accompli, such as was the case recently with the five-day week. The Government must prove

by its actions that it meant what it said. One inescapable condition was to respect the partnership with the independent union and to seek together a way out of the crisis. The objective was not a mere 90-day labour truce but a long-term peace which, however, did not mean to say that there would be no strikes, he said.

The important thing was to avoid confrontation and to continue the dialogue. However, Mr Modzelewski emphasized that strikes in Poland were here to stay as a feature of the

now beginning to emerge and that the union was ready to help the Government as an equal partner in public life. From many parts of the

Country messages of support for General Jaruzelski's Govern ment are coming in indicating how much the popular mood has changed. Although no predictions can be made as yet on how lasting this mood will be one thing is certain; General Jaruzelski's direct approach has swung public opinion to his side. And in this lies the chance of his Government.

Call for toughness: The Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia that strikes in Poland were that strikes in Poland were bere to stay as a feature of the social and economic landscape. It claimed, had embarked on a course of political subversion who course of political subversion (Reuter reports from Moscow). Sending lines. 8H call for tough Government Onvenient of Poland's Solidarity union who

a daily services

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# Setback for Israelis as court rules on electricity takeover

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, Feb 16 The Israeli Government today suffered a severe setback in its anempt to expropriate the erusalem District Electricity ompany, the largest remaining Palestinian-owned business in heither the occupied West Bank or the former Arab sector of

In a controversial judgment, Israel's Supreme Court ruled that the Energy Ministry had no right to take over the Arab concession in the West Bank concession in the west bank, although it was legally entitled in expropriate the Palestinian company's assets in annexed Bast Jerusalem.

The three judges requested the ministry to consider, in the light of the judgment, whether has a seried to causel any

it now wanted to cancel any part of the company's conces-sion. They also issued a 15-day preventing Israelis from taking over the East Jerusalem assets, indicaring that such a move would have to be preceded by another

It is estimated that the company serves about 40,000 con-numers in East Jerusalem, another 30,000 in the West Bank, including a number of Jewish settlers, and Israeli army, posts. Its headquarters and generating plant are in East Jerusalem.

Reading the judgment, Justice Yitzhak Kahane rejected the Yitzhak Kabane rejected the Government's claim that the takeover had been mooted purely for "economic and technological" reasons. The judges decided that it had been intended for political purposes and, as such, was illegal under the international law which applied to the occupied West Bank but not to annexed Fast Jerusalem.

Both sides claimed the verdict as a victory and Mr and company chairman, said:

A spokesman said there was enure company will remain intact and under Arab control.

Earlier, many of the 400 caused by people collaborating Palestinian employees had interesting the property of the supply of th

A spokesman for the Energy Ministry, said that Mr Yitzhak Moda'i, the Minister, would be studying the verdict before announcing his intentions." As a result of the Supreme Court decision there is now no legal obstacle up the to prevent us winding up the company's operation within Israeli sovereignty." the spokesman added.

It was unclear whether the

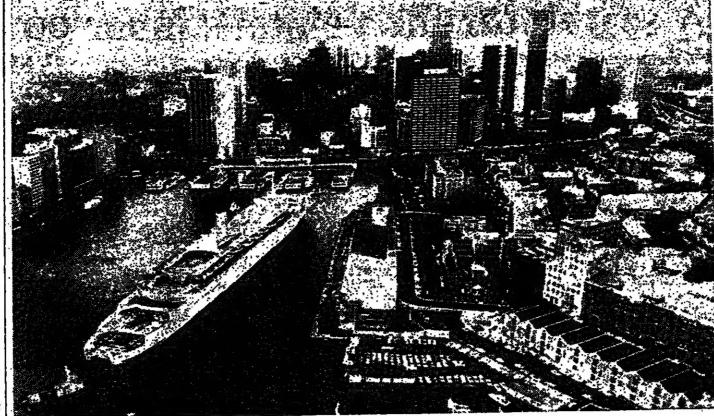
ministry will press ahead with this partial expropriation this partial expropriation despite the implied disapproval reflected in the court's verdice. The minister is believed to be under pressure from some hawkish Cabinet colleagues to split up the company, despite the complications such a move

Since the takeover scheme was first amounced in January last year, the electricity company's future has become an emotive symbol of the efforts by the local Arab population to resist increasing Israeli influence in both the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Historically, the contested

electricity concession is regarded as extending for 20 miles from the dome of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. In recent months, both the opposition Israeli Larbour Party and leading members of the Terusalam remnicipality.

bitterly criticized the takeover plan, warning that it could become the focus for serious new clashes
Sabotage charges: Three
Palestinians and two Egyptians
have been charged with trying
to sabotage the Israeli Embassy

Egyptian state security services said yesterday that the efforts Both sides claimed the of the five were instigated by verdict as a victory and Mr Al Fatah, the Palestinian guer-Anwar Nusseibeh, a former rilla organization, and Syrian Jordanian Defence Minister intelligence.



The liner Queen Elizabeth 2 docks at Sydney yesterday during an 83-day round-the-world voyage

# Patriarch's election eases tension in church

Tel Aviv, Feb 16

Archbishop Theodoros of Ieraponin, aged 58, head of the Greek Orthodox community in Jordan, was elected Patriarch of the Holy Land today, defeating Archbishop Vasilios, the Metropolitan of Caesarea who had been favoured by Israeli

The synod vored nine to five, the Church of the Holy Sepul-chre in Jerusalem said and the decision was proclaimed by the pealing of the ancient bells.

Observers said the election of Archbishop Theodoros is expected to ease pressure in lordan to separate the Greek Orhodox community from the parriarchate in Israel-controlled Jerusalem and to join the

is headed by an Arab.

Archbishop Theodoros was responsible for 15 years for the Greek Orthodox community in Jordan although he was sub-ordinate to the patriarch in

Jerusalem.
'Slightly more than half of the 110,000 members of the community in the Holy Land are Jordanians. About 35,000 are Israeli Arabs and the rest residents of the occupied West

Bank.

Israeli officials said the attitude of the community to the Jewish state was strongly influenced by the patriarch, Benedictos I, who died on December 10 at the age of 88, had maintained a warm rela-tionship with the Israel authori-ties, it was said.

leased lands to the Israeli Gov-ernment for development pro-jects including a national park around the old city of Jeru-salem.

Israeli officials acknowledged privately that they had been dismayed by the prospect of bringing in a patriarch who had been exposed to Arab political views for a decade and a half.

Some lobbied discreetly for Archbishop Vasilios. Mr Teddy Kollek, the Mayor of Jerusalem, said he had told clergymen who ha dasked his advice that he regarded Archbishop Marian and the conduction of the conduction of the same of the conduction of Vasilios as someone he could

Israel and Jordan had power to veto any of the candidates but the Israelis decided not to

official explained that Jordan-ians would have reacted by vetoing Archbishop Vasilios and creating a deadlock with Arch-bishop Germanos, an outright anti-Israeli, continuing to function as acting patriarch.
Officials said today their con-

cern about the new patriarch had now been largely dispelled. Ar a reception in the patriarchare after the election today Archbishop Theodoros, speak-ing in Greek, said he desired to promote good realtions with the Israeli and Jordanian authori-

ties.
The Greek Orthodox is the largest Christian denomination in the Holy Land and the pat

Washington, Feb 16 Heavy cuts in the United States government credit pro-grammes covering the next four fiscal years will be part of the

The scale of the proposed credit programme reductions has yet been disclosed although officials leave no doubt that it will be very large. The President will announce up to \$53,000m (£22,650m) of actual spending cuts for the next fiscal

The AFL-CIO trade union organization's executive committee is meeting in Florida this week to plan a strategy to attack the Republican Administration's economic programmes. On Thursday leading Democra-tic members of Congress are their own at a hearing of the joint economic committee. In the forefront will be Henry

Reuss, the committee's chair-man, and one of its best known liberals, Senator Edward Ken-

nedy.

The attacks by the Democrats,

siderable tax relief goes to better-off Americans. The sources said it is unrealistic to expect more than half of the social welfare curs to be approved by the Congress and these spending reductions will be matched by rises in defence spending advocated by defence spending advocated by Mr Reagan, so that the whole budget exercise does not, in fact, lead to any fall in infla-

attacks the White House is preparing a publicity campaign to parollel Wednesday's announcement of the new economic

strategy. Administration's concern with credit programmes arises largely from the dramatic rise in federal debt. Latest budget office estimates suggest that the debt level will exceed \$990,00m by the end of this fiscal year, on September 30, after having increased by 42.2 per cent to \$931,000m

during the four years of the Carter Administration.

The scale of likely credit programme cuts is indicated in Budget Office documents, prepared for Cabinet consideration, that discuss the programmes of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), the Federal Farmers Home the Federal Farmers Home Administration (FHA) and the Tennessee Valley Authority

In its confidential paper the Budget Office proposed that new loan commitments by REA be cut from April 1 by more than \$5,000m a year. The rethan \$5,000m a year. The reduction sought in the TVAs borrowing is \$4,000m — from \$9,000m to \$5,000m over the

\$9,000m to \$5,000m over the next four years.

The Budget Office said the FHA has grown dramatically and that it is now providing annual boans of around \$14,000m to housing and community development in rural areas that could be just as well financed without Government subsidies by direct borrowing in the markets.

# Unions plan to resist the Reagan budget

From Frank Vogl United States Economics correspondent

new economic strategy to be announced by President Ronald Reagan on Wednesday.

officials Administration that more funds are available in the capital markets for private borrowers and that interest rate pressures in the markets will

They also believe that cutting Government lending will make it easier for the Federal Reserve Board to control the money supply and that it will ilso secure greater efficiency in federal agencies.

year on Wednesday, and full details of all the budget measures will be announced then and over the next few

according to sources in Congress, will focus at first on the redistributive nature of the Reagan programme, claiming that benefits are being withdrawn from the poor while con-

# Leading article, page 13 Iranian intellectuals attack

'two years of tyranny'

The accusations were made in an open letter signed by writers academics, lawyers and journalists who accused the journalists who accused the lislamic authorities of violating human rights, showing contempt for the Iranian masses, suppressing ethnic minorities. and leading the country to-wards economic disaster.

Academics in Tehran said the letter, circulated in the streets, reflected widespread and growing disenchantment and growing disenchantment among professionals and intellectuals with the way Iran is going. The 21-point letter was issued a few days after the second anniversary of the Islamic revolution which overthrew the Shah.

Listing what it called acts of tyranny since the revolution, the letter said the authorities had been guilty of "filling the prisons with militants and and ' torturing libertarians '

Accesations of torture were also made last November by

Tehran, Feb 16.—A group of 38 prominent Iranian intellectuals, many of them opponents of the late Shah, said today that two years of Islamic rule had brought repression, torture and injustice to Iran.

President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr in a public speech which led to Ayatollah Khomeini setting up an investigating committee. Torture is a sensitive issue in Iran because of allegations of systematic brutality by Savak the Shah's secret police. Savak, the Shah's secret police.
Ayatollah Muhammad Beheshti, head of the Supreme

heshu, head or the supreme Court, was quoted as saying today he did not know whether the torture investigation committee had completed its work and that it had been instructed to present its final report to Avatollah Khomaini Ayatollah Khomeini.

The signatories of today's letter included at least seven people who had served prison sentences for opposition to the rule of the Shah. The newspaper Islamil Revo-

lution said today that several people were arrested after they waved pictures of President Bani-Sadr and shouted support for him during a speech by Hodjatoleslam Rafsanjani, Speaker at the Iranian Parlia-ment The paragraphy and form ment. The newspaper said four of those arrested were sen tenced to whippings and several months in jail after being found guilty of disturbing public order at Tuysarkan 180 miles southwest of Tehran.-Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

# beware Ides of March.

March 10th. Budget Day. Those of you who purchase Glenfiddich now, can reflect on the news with a smile.



The West Bank-1: Bitterness equalled only by some areas of Belfast

# Elections force renewed settlement drive

From Christopher Walker

. Calkilya, Feb 16 The stubborn intractability f the Middle East crisis will nsure that in the coming tonchs the attention of Presient Reagan, the European community and the disgrunted Israell electorate will ecome increasingly directed wards a stretch of land only lightly larger than Norfolk.

Covering a total area of 200 square miles, the occuled West Bank has become he focal point for the continuig struggle between Arab and ew. No stranger over the cenuries to occupation by foreign rmies, it is destined in part or totally) to provide the ocation for any successful ttempt to establish a Palestin-an homeland.

At present, after more than 13 years of Israeli military tule, it provides a bizarre con-trast in cultures and a reserroir of inter-communal bitter-tess equalled only by some of the more violent areas of West selfast. Prosperity and econonic dependence on Israel are trowing side by side with a estering harred of the Israelis und a significant radicalization n Arab political artitudes.

Sprenching for 80 miles from lenin in the north to just selow Hebron in the south, the West Bank ranges dramatically n appearance from the fertile ralley near the Dead Sea to sarren mountains which rise to 1,000ft. In width it stretches as ar as 34 miles from the bank of the Jordan, forming at its roadest point a strategic fronier which comes within nine niles of Israel's Mediterranean

It was here at a hillside war

ur mu



that former General Arie Sharon, Israel's hardline Agri General Ariel culture Minister recently took a party of British politicians to illustrate why his Government is determined that "Judea and Samaria" (the Israeli name for the West Bank) will never be handed back to the Arabs.

A huge bull of a man with an unshakeable belief in the historical right of Jews to sovereignty over the whole area, Mr Sharon pointed through the morning haze to Israel's main power stations, all within easy range of the former Jordanian artillery positions where we stood.

"The future of this territory The future of this territory will be the most complex and controversial problem facing Israel", he predicted.

Mr Sharon is the political mentor of the extreme Jewish settlement group, Gush Emunim (Block of the Faith-ful) and has probably done more than any other Israeli in the past 13 years to transform demographic map of the

moderate Israelis, he has pressed ahead with the skeleton of a controversial settlement plan which envisages 300,000 Jews living in the West Bank by the turn of the cen-

Today, the size of the Jew-ish civilian population is 18,000, compared with a total of 720,000 Arabs. But that well predominantly right-wing Jewish presence has increased five-fold since the Likud coal-

to go before the general elec-tion which is expected to sweep Labour back to power, Mr. Sharon and other Cabinet hawks are now devoting Gov-ernment cash and politicial muscle to bolster the settlements to their maximum strength before they make their expected return to the

Since 1967, the Israelis have purchased expropriated or otherwise seized for civilian and military purposes more than 370,000 acres of West Bank land, nearly a third of the whole. Of this, some 28,000 acres is already devoted to settlements which vary in type from expanding development towns (complete with indus-trial areas) to small clusters of

Mayor of Bethlehem said. "An occupation may end one day, but the constant expansion of Undannied by American cri-ticism or the resentment of existence in the West Bank

armed, highly motivated and tion came to power in May, With less than five months

Opposition benches.

mobile homes surrounded by ugly barbed wire fences.

"For the Arabs, the set-dement issue is more dangerous than the occupation", Mr Elias Freij, the elected Palestinian

The Israeli Government always refers euphemistically to the West Bank as an "administered area" rather than "occupied territory" For this reason, international

criticism that Israeli policy is in breach of Article 49 of the Geneva Convention forbidding "individual or mass forcible transfers" into or out of occupied territory is nearly side-Stepped.
Other standardized cuphe

misms now in official use in-clude the "closing" rather than the "seizing" of Arab land, the "thickening" of Jewish settlements and constant reference to the Arab imbabitants as "the minority" (an observation which only applies if the West Bank is taken with the whole of Israel).

Over the past 13 years, the West Bank has also seen a drastic change in its political make-up. The traditional, conservative notables who predominated before the occupation have now almost disappeared, having been replaced by a different breed of local leaders who claim a fierce loyalty to the Palestine Liberation Organization-Since last May, the military government has employed a

draconian security policy
Israel's political crackdown
has promoted a dispirited,
almost despairing mood among
West Bank Arabs. But it has
singularly failed. singularly failed to produce one credible local Palestinian leader prepared to support the concept of limited autonomy concept of limited autonomy outlined in the Camp David

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#### Czechosłovakia expels several French diplomats

Vienna, Feb 16.—Czecho-slovakia has ordered several members of the military section at the French Embossy in Prague to leave the country after accusing tem of espion-age, the official Ceteka news

age, the official Ceteka news agency reported today. It said that the French Government had also ordered two Czechoslovak military ortachees from their Paris embassy to leave the country, in the face of protests from Prague. The French diplomats have been asked to leave rrague. The French diplomats have been asked to leave Czechosolvakia "within a reasonable period of time, because of activities at voriance with norms of international law"

Western diplomatic sources in Prague said those involved included two military attachés. They are believed to have alreody left the country.

Ceteka said the diplomats bad been caught in a prohibited area in central Bohemia last December, and several

last December, and several days ago were picked up in onother banned area in north Bohemia. The agency claimed that there was "documentary proof" that they had been engaged in intelligence gather-Last week, the British Gov-

ernment protested to Czecho-slovakia about th treatment of oir attaché at the British Embassy in Prague who was forcibly taken from his car outside the city by uniformed police and held for a number of hours despite his diplomatic immunity.—Reuter. Gerald Wilde: Marriage of Heaven and Hell (1971-72)

much more than a hut not until Spinster (a fictional Children were born, and had account of the experiences in

landscapes. The semi-abstracted symbolic, works of the late 1920s, with titles like Concep-tion, Garden of the Hesperides and A Point in Time, have an

and A Point in Time, have an easy monumentality and a very period feel to them. Throughout the 1930s he seems to have geen preoccupied with reaching and writing educational books, and for all that we can see here he painted very limbs until the late 1940s. When he took up painting again in a big way, it was more or less where he left off, with largely abstracted lands-

with largely abstracted lands-capes and figure compositions, and he seems to have reached a creative peak in the middle

a creative peak in the middle 1950s, with some really splendid abstracts, in the tone of the times (closely comparable to the Lanyon/Hilton/Heron/Frost group, in other words), intense in colour and powerful in the simplicity of their forms. After which—and after retirement an amazing amount of activity, almost all abstract, playing with oriental influences in some of the small landscape drawings and large calligraphic paintings, flirting with Abstract Expressionism as understood by Motherwell and

understood by Motherwell and

the Barnett Newman of the paperworks, moving around dollops of grey plaster on grey plasterboard, or spraying vast areas of canvas in delicately graded patches of naccel

terrifying accidents, far from

doctors and hospitals in places

reached only by wagon or on

horseback. But they progressed

in their careers, even in the

much despised areas of teach-

much despised areas of teaching Maori children, then regarded as virtually professional suicide.

The prime aim then was to

teach the Maoris to be exactly like British children. Janet

and John" reading books pro-

vided had no meaning or in-terest for those brought up in

the pa. Sylvia Ashton-Warner

Says: Maori Children, generally speak-ing, love tribal gatherings with em-phasis on food and spiritual mat-ters. While we, featuring the intel-

lect, are segregating irretrievably.

She devised a system she

calls "organic teaching", recording the surfacing of the "key vocabulary" and harness-

ing the natural energy of the child to teading. She made her own reading books in a pre-

Xerox era, the earliest on pieces of painted plywood, which were varnished, and washed once a week. Later she

made a set of four Maori Reading Books, with 123 illus-

trations. The history of all this

work makes depressing read-ing. No one in New Zealand

wanted to publish Teacher, and while one publisher was very

excited by the Reading Books, publication depended on whether the Education Depart-

order was not forthcoming, the Department feeling that the alm was to instil British cul-

we must make allowances":
on the contrary, the very latest
paintings are full of a youthful
verve and vigour which wholly,
joyously belie the painter's
venerable age. On the other
hand, looking over the fruits
of a long, if still far from
completed, career, it is difficult to avoid the feeling that
the vital spark which makes all
the difference between a good

the difference between a good painter and a great painter is missing. The changes of style seem random rather than inev-

itable, and there are few pic-

lity, too, supposing one could associate such a term with one

so impish and unpredictable.
And think what one will of his
work, there is never any doubt
that it has welled out of him

Teacher) was published in

seller in the United States that any public recognition was

given to her, and that some-

Through her autobiography runs the theme of unrequited love for her country, and its aims and ambitions. There is a small, parochial spirit unwill-

ing to allow merit or origina-

lity its due in New Zealand— curiously enough even Fleur Addock's introduction to Spins-

ter is generous to the author

and less than enthusiastic

about the novels. She bears

zender the novers. She bears some animosity towards New Zealand generally; but it has to be remembered that her

schemes were so disapproved of that her official rating as a

teacher, was, on one occasion,

pronounced by an inspector to be "Nil", and the originals of the Teading Books were care-lessly burned by someone who had borrowed them.

Her husband died 19 days

after he had retired, much loved and respected. Then

came wandering years in America and Canada, teaching lecturing, forming new friend-

ships, and causing some uproar—for at no time does

she deny that she is a difficult woman, thin-skinned, anxious,

easily upset; at the same time she is talented, gifted, a born

teacher, not a person to fix easily into a system or hier-

archical structure, but also

someone, once encountered, never forgotten.

Philippa Toomey

what ungraciously.

# Chinese told to guard against excesses in anti-Maoist campaign

From Francis Deron of Agence France-Presse Peking, Feb 16

The Chinese regime admitted for the first time today that the movement to "liberate the spirit", meaning the campaign against Maoism, launched two years ago, has gone too far.
The People's Daily carried an article giving warning against excesses and signed by the newspaper's "special commentator", believed to be the pen-

name of General Hu Yaobang,

the Communist Party Secretary,

who will soon take over as party chairman.

A stern call to order was published today by the Guangming Daily, read mainly by intellectuals, after protests from intellectuals against the aboli-ion of certain forms of free ex-pression including the writing

of big character posters.

The People's Daily commentary criticized "those who believe that the liberation of the spirit should lead to all sorts of unprincipled fantasies and limitless expression of any sort.

"Liberation of the spirit" was the slogan launched by was the slogan launched by Mr Deng Xiaoping, the party vice-chairman, in 1978 against excessive fidelity to "leftist"

Manist ideas.

The commentary said: "The liberation of the spirit must not in any case lead people to go beyond the bounds of forms of free expression be objective reality". It emphatolerated.

THE ARTS

William Johnstone

Works from 1929-1981

William Scott: War

Imperial War Museum

Merlyn Evans: Seven

Paintings 1965-1968

It is a brutal saying, and not

to earn their bread and butter

teaching in art schools, since they could not safely support themselves from painting alone. But the fact remains

that when the calls of teaching in a man's life are blamed for his not being more widely known or more highly thought

of as a painter, scepticism raises its ugly head. Last year the Serpentine bravely showed one such painter, Patrick

the Serpentine bravely showed one such painter, Patrick George, and admirable though his work proved to be, on a certain level, one could see quite well why he had remained better known as a teacher than as a painter; there was lacking some of that urgency and determination, and powerful individuality, which refuse to be denied in a teally first-rate painter; how-

teally first-rate painter, how-ever beset by purely economic difficulties he may be.

William Johnstone, now

being honoured, in his eighty-fourth year, with a substantial retrospective ar the Hayward Gallery (until March 29) is another such Instead of George's evident placidity of

temperament we encounter an erratic, extrovert and some-times explosive personality;

confirmation of that, were any needed, would be plentifully provided by his recept autobio-

graphy, Points in Time (Hutchinson, £15), in which he enjoyably lays about him, cud-

gelling many a sacred cow of the art establishment (Herbert Read for one) off the field with fine abandon and disre-

gard for the niceries of tact. This same ebullient combative nature applied to the business

nature soplied to the business of painting should produce remarkable results—and every now and then it in fact does so. There are several paintings in the show which are fine and memorable by any standards, and nothing which falls below a high standard of skill and competence.

(with an application to all children) and Spinster, a

one book, for the second two are hewn from the first, and it

is rewarding to see how they

Born in 1908, one of nine

children of a crippled father and an indomitable mother

(who was a teacher), oversha-

teaching seemed to be the inevitable career for Sylvia.

She did not want to be a teacher, but there did not seem to be anything else to do.

Marriage to Keith Henderson, himself a teacher, and a most

exceptional man, set her on her true career, as an educator, not just a teacher, of children and adults alike.

by a older, prettier, cleverer older sister,

novel. Three books—and

evolved. .

New Art Centre

Paintings 1942-46

Hayward Gallery

Gerald Wilde:

October Gallery

Observers noted that although the article refrained from using the same terminology as pro-Maoist party leaders who have been saying for some time that

been saying for some time that the movement has gone too far, the regime, which had so sharply criticized the pro-Maoists, now seemed to be agreeing with them.

The Guangming Daily noted that five months after the abolition last September of the right to put up big character posters which had been enshrined in the Chinese constitution since 1966, "there are still people in society who are attached to it. They dream of being able to use big character posters to unleash a campaign throughout society." being able to use big character posters to unleash a campaign throughout society.

There has been some unhappiness among intellectuals recently away the regimest the same among the same than the sam

recently over the regime's avowed aim to clamp down on all, even moderate, political demands.

The Chinese authorities for their part have accused activists and dissidents of wanting to spark "a second Cultural Revolution" despite their unanimous condemnations of the movement launched by Mao.

The Guangming Daily firmly warned recalcirrant intellectuals that in no case would demands for return of banned

# New Soviet protest over Japanese island campaign

From Michael Binyon Moscow, Feb 16

For the second time within a month the Russians summoned the Japanese ambassador to the Soviet Foreign Ministry today to deliver a strong protest over the Japanese campaign for the return of the South Kurile Islands.

Mr Tokichico Uomoto was told that the Japanese claims were "illegal" and that the campaign had recently taken on a nature bordering on enmity towards the Soviet Union. He was also told that the Russians held his Government responsible for organizing the cam-paign, and on the newly desig-nated "day of northern terri-tories" on February 7 hooligan acts were committed against "Such steps may be qualified only as deliberately directed at worsening Soviet-Japanese rela-

rigged,

to sign a peace treaty with the Soviet Union. They said the causes were well-known: The unrealistic stand of the Japanese side and advancement of ungrounded demands, having no prospects by their nature for resolving the question which, in fact, does not exist in rela-tions between our countries."

The note accused the Japanese of making it steadily less possible to conclude a peace treaty after the Second World War by allowing foreign military bases on their territory and making treaties with other states directed against the Soviet Union—a reference to Japan's military alliance with the United States and its 1978 treaty of friendship with China. treaty of friendship with China.

"A legitimate question arises whether the Japanese side really wants our relations to be put on a firm treaty basis", the Note added.

worsening Soviet-Japanese relations", the protest said.

The Russians rejected any link between the campaign over the islands and Japan's refusal friendly campaigns,

## Guyana poll **Opposition** leaders held

report says The election last year in the former British colony of Guyana was flagrantly and massively rigged, according to a report published yesterday. It says there is overwhelming

evidence to show voters were intimidated and cheated in the December election, which was grossly unfair. The report, published by the British Parliamentary Human Blake Carliamentary mentary Human Rights Group, is by a team of international observers led by Lord Avebury, the Liberal peer.

Most of the coercion was applied by the ruling PNC party,

led by the minority Afro-Guyanese, the report says. The Guyana Human Rights Association and other groups asked for international monitoring of the elections; the counrry has a history of unfair voting. But the Guyana Govern-ment refused to help the watch-dog groups and "actively tried to frustrate it at every turn"

the observers say.

They found political control of the media and inaccurate voting lists. People were often wrongly turned away from poll ing stations. Some were told they were not eligible "because

There was frequent double voting. Polling stations were delayed from opening in oppo-

Lord Avebury, who the report says was arrested on a trumpe up charge on polling day, said the elections showed that the government of President Burn-ham was far from legitimate, Something to Remember. (British Parliamentary Human

Nearly one million people

took part today in a farmers'

rally organized by India's ruling

Congress Party here to demon-

strate its hold over the country

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the

Prime Minister who is also

president of the party, called the rally in order to counter

the impression created by

recent farmers' protests, par-

ticularly in Maharashtra, that

the Government was averse to

paying a good price for agri-

With 80 per cent of India's

650 million people living in villages, a ruling party cannot

afford to upset the farming

community. Furthermore, the Congress Party has been draw-

ing its main support from the

In her address Mrs Gandhi tried to placate the "Kisan Bhai" (farmer brethren), as

she put it. At one stage she

said: " If it serves your interest,

we are even prepared to irri-

Several roads leading to

gate fields with our blood ".

cultural commodities.

countryside.

From Kuldip Nayar Delhi, Feb 16

# in Pakistan

Karachi, Feb 16.—Opposition sources reported today that the military authorides had arrested four leaders of Pakistan's outlawed political parties in the wake of student violence over

the past five days.

According to the sources, the four—three national politicians and one local party leader—were among the leaders of nine groups which announced the formation of an anti-Government alliance 10 days ago. They are demanding an end to military rule and the holding of parlia-mentary elections within three

months deny the arrests, reported to have been carried out in Lahore and Multan, Punjab's two most populous cities. Under Pakisauthorities can detain people without charges and do not have to give details of their arrest. The student unrest began in

o four other cities Other disturbances were reported in Quetta, capital of Baluchistan, and Malakand, in the semi-autonomous tribal region along the frontier with Afghanistan.
The Opposition sources named

cratic Party; Mian Mehmud Ali Kasuri, acting president of the Tehriq Istiglal Party; and Mr M. A. Gohir, Pakistan People's Party chief in Multan.—Reuter.

Farmers' mass rally in Delhi

backs Gandhi policies

# now and then it in fact does so. There are several paintings in the show which are fine and memorable by any standards, and nothing which falls below a high standard of skill and competence. And yet. It is easy to admire, if not exactly to love, the very dark and glum early and several paintings areas of canvas in delicately in answer to some strong inner graded patches of pastel compution. The retrospective of his work scattered rather haphazardly round the Victorian school-building which now is the home of the absolutely does not find one self saying things like, "Well, the very dark and glum early old gentleman, so cester Street, Queen's Square, Book review -I Passed This Way

Teacher (Virago, £2.95) Spinster (Virago, £2.95) By Sylvia

(Virago, £12)

Ashton-Warner Sylvia Ashton-Warner written a long account of her life in New Zealand in I Passed This Way. In Teacher we find a lively and entertaining thesis on the teaching of reading to Maori children

Police refused to confirm or tan's rigid martial law the Multan last Thursday over a dispute with bus drivers. It quickly developed into an anti-Government protest and spread

the arrested men as: Maulana Fasiur Rahman, head of Jamiat Ulema ; Nawabzada Masrullah Khan, of the Pakistan Demo-

Delhi were closed to traffic as the sea of humanity waving

Congress flags and banners

A considerable portion of the

crowd was not wearing the traditional dress, Pugree and

dhoti, indicating that many in-

It was the biggest rally ever witnessed in the capital and

f16m is said to have been spent

boarding the demonstrators.

However, the opposition was not impressed by the rally

the main opposition parties boy-

cotted today's session of Parlia-

ment, which was devoted to the

budget debate, in protest

policies of the Government.

In his speech in Parliament

President Reddy appealed to all

sections of the community to

exercise restraint in demanding

higher wages and prices as this

would increase inflation and

reduce the resources needed for

anti-farmers

" the

transporting lodging and

flowed into the capital.

farmers' ranks.

# London debuts

Their early life was extrement would order 10,000. The mely hard. Their first school at Whareereno was one room dug out of a hillside, and their living accommodation not ture, first and foremost. It was

one British and one Dutch, demand pride of place. Of the two, it was Louise Williams, already known as a mmeber; of the Endellion Quartet, who provided the riper enjoyment —not least because in Francis Grier she had an equal partner dustrial workers, dressed in Western clothes, from neigh-bouring towns, swelled the at the piano, like herself prepared to play the whole pro-gramme from memory with a totally natural, spontaneous musicianship concealing all interpretative calculation. The warmth and mellow fluidity of sonatas by Beethoven and Brahms were as persuasive as the streak of fantasy she found

technical command and control inspired work. Geraets, a prize-winner from Holland, and Martin van den

Hoek; seemed a little less mature. In Franck's Sonata in

and stronger tone from the key-board to help her fill out the more expansive climaxes, just as in both this work and Beethoven's G major Sonata, op 30 (its outer movements taken daringly fast) the phrasing, though full of perceptive detail, needed a sense of direction rather longer lapped. But Pipper's first sonara (1919), left no doubt of Miss Geraets's winning lyricism, while her spirited attack and precise inflection gave Schoenberg's Phantasy strong unity and character

In their own countries, the week's two pianists habitually combine their platform career for Debussy, while Ysaye's with teaching. Of the two, second unaccompanied sonata Israel's Arie Vardi was the more gave proof of her unstrained successful in making his instrutechnical command and control ment sing—and speak, too. besides the range of colour so Music for him was plainly not important in this Dies irae- just a sequence of sounds but nsoired work. a meaningful language. Ben-The partnership of Theodora Zion Orgad's Reshuyot, specially leraets, a prize-winner from written for him in 1978, provided the best outlet for his emotional fervour, erpressed through an impressive range of particular, Miss Geraets needed dynamics and colour. Schubert's

Two gifted young violinists, firmer rhythmic underpinning last sonata in B flat was also played with an affecting sense of valediction, though sometimes (and especially in the first movement) Mr Vardi was guilty of overloading and overromanticizing music better left to speak for itself. If a little over-explicit in the second book of Debussy's Preludes, too, he nevertheless left no note unturned in his search for ex-

The Brazilian Miriam Ramos was a lady of strong-wristed and finger-tip magic. Even in a programme chosen more for extrovert excitement than deeper searchings she missed opportunities for refinements and subtleties, especially in Chopin's B flat minor Scherzo and F sharp minor Polonaise and Schumann's Faschingsschwank. But when exposed to the bolder colours and more pugnacious rhythmic bite of her compatriots Lorenzo Fernandez Marlos Nobre and Villa-Lobos, she was an advocate to be

reckoned with. Joan Chissell vesterday's later editions

A search for the painter's inner compulsion

classical painter, concentrating Morandi-like on his pots and pans, was anathema. That may well be, but there is a sort of nightmarish intensity about the deserted, devastated street of Night Comoo, or a wan poetic mystery about Lovers in a Glowing Wood, which, however mistrustful of them Scott may now be, remain very personal before the contractions of the c to him as well as characteristic of their period. It is good to have this ample evidence that

until March 7) covers more than 50 years, and even from the very first piece, a metic-ulously realistic lithograph of a ulously realistic lithograph of a Dressing Table from 1929, there is something strange and compelling about it. From then on he seldom looks like anyone else: the Three Prostitutes of 1937 has perhaps a hint of Burra, the Pier Study of 1939, with its fiery colouring, an anticipation of Piper the war artist. But with the expressionistic figure compositions like By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept, and the subsequent slide into turbulent abstraction, he is right on his own.

itable, and there are few pictures which convince one that they just had to be painted. Some of the works from the late 1950s, such as Green Fields with Hayricks and Landscape, both of 1957, and especially Untitled of 1960, are among the best paintings of their period, which comes increasingly to look like a very good time for British art. But for the rest there is too little continuity, and too much that looks marginal rather than central to its maker's busy life.

Gerald Wilde, now, is a very different matter. Born in 1905, he is already nearing venerability, too, supposing one could right on his own.

It seems that at the end of the 1950s Wilde underwent some kind of spiritual awakening of the kind propounded by zgurdjieff, and it must be admitted that in his case the effects have been all for the good, since "thought-form" paintings, so dire in undisciplined hands, take on in his high tensile strength, and whether he is depicting Spacemen, evoking Pompeti or simply letting the lines wander with controlled freedom across a blue ground, as in the beautiful pastel Drawing of 1975, there is no doubting the power and independence of his vision or the casual skill with which he puts it on paper.

right on his own.

he puts it on paper. he puts it on paper.

Wilde is a perfect case for rediscovery. William Scott one would think so famous that to rediscover him would be an absurdity. And yet, since artists do not always clearly understand their own value, there has remained an obscure

The group now touring Britain

for the Arts Council's Contem-

porary Music Network are three singers from the Schola

Trio Exvoco .

Round House

William Mann

passage in his career which he virtually expinged from the records because he did not like the work he was then doing. Fortunately, the persistence of the Imperial War Museum has persuaded him to change his mind, and the results of their researches are now on show (until March 1) in a small show of his War Paintings

Apparently what he did not like about the paintings and drawings of this time was that they were, to his eyes, tinged with a baneful Neo-Romanticism which to this increasingly have this ample evidence that the lithographs in Patric Dickinson's anthology of Soldiers' Verse, the only examples of 1940s Scott which have been readily accessible for some years, were no fluke, and to see him take his rightful place again among the most distinguished, if least prolific, of British war extists.

Metlyn Evans belonged to exactly the same generation as

Merlyn Evans belonged to exactly the same generation as William Scott, and had he lived would now be 70. He, too, went through various phases, beginning as a representational painter, moving into a sort of free-form abstraction, then in the 1960s into a hard-edged, geometrical abstraction, and then in his last five years back towards a looser, more "painterly" approach: The seven paintings in the shew at the New Art Centre, Sloane Street, until February 28, are all from the most rigorously abstract phase, and though they are sometimes recognizably akia to contemporary works of Victor Pasmore or Ben Nicolson, they have a tough, brooding quality of their own, partly, resulting of their own, partly resulting from Evans's use of black in from Evans's use of black in great solid masses, and partly from the way he troubles the eye by seeming to deal in straight lines and coldly regular forms, only proving at second glance to throw things subtly off with the faintest curve, the almost unnoticeable irregularity. Again it is useful to be reminded of a painter who made his own way, and looked at this pivotal stage of his career, both back to the 1930s and forward to Robyn Denny and other painters of our own time.

our own time. I wrote about the Edward Hopper show which now shares the Hayward Gallery with Wil-liam Johnstone from New York last year; I shall return to the subject next week.

#### John Russell Taylor

words." as he called them, pure gibberish recited in costume and accompanied by egg-whisk, paper-tearing et cetera, interpreted most efficiently and, in its best number, "Cats and Peacocks" with startling verisimilitude. It is not to suggest that the control of Peacocks with startling veri-similitude. It was preceded, before the interval, by Filippo Marinent's "Words in Freedom" of about the same period,

"Sound Poems", musicaly most sensitive with their contrapunal textures. The texts, which have their own literal notation, are flashed on a screen in this

solo performance. The more recent verbal musicians take rhemselves too seriously: withour pictorial pro-jections. Dieter Schnebel's Madwerke (literally "Gob-works") would soon have palled, though brilliantly executed. The modern works are cleverly chosen, however, though Kurt Schwitters's Sonata in Primitive Sounds of 1923, which ends the recital, is the most musical creation of all, almost a Hayda symphony executed in terms of words,

The creators of Dada, well epresented here, took nonsense as their stock in trade, witness Hugo Ball's singular Phone

man, which means Sound Spectacle Dada". The concep

Cantorum choir in Stuttgart; their title is abbreviated from Expanded Voice Company, their repertory word-music whether pitched or unpitched, part-way between reckal and theatre. As presented all these are accompany. s tumultuous and very engaging piece involving a scent spray and electric drill.

Raul Hausmann, a Berlin Dadaist, in 1918 wrote his expected, all three are accomplished singers, expert in patter, gargling and vocal mimicry of all sorts. They play percussion as required, run about, jump athietically and leave no doubt show, as is the random score of Bussoni's "Lettura di Eraibanti", a welcome aid to Hanna Aurbacher's impressive that they enjoy their act and do not take themselves too The English title of their

the Engash the programme, Sound Hubbub, is less explanatory than the German which means Sound of noise as musical material was revived in our century by Luigi Russolo, by the Russian composer Mossolov with his music of machines, and by the Dada movement. From those beginnings, before the First World War, the Trio Exvoco range to John Cage and others in the present day. without notes, with a motto-theme, "Rakate Bébé" which promises to stick in my memory.

Eschenbach/Frantz Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell Before taking over the baton

seriously.

Before taking over the baton later this week at the Festival Hall, Christoph Escheubach returned on Sunday afternoon as pianist to play Schubert with his customary partner, Justus Frantz, with one early rarity in the programme that did not find a place in their sesquicentennial inspired 'tribute' to Schubert as duettist on disc.

This was the Variations in

This was the Variations in E minor on a French song ("Reposez vous, bon chev-alier") which Schubert, barely come of age, dedicated to Beet-hoven. In his pleasure Beethoven is reputed to have played the work with his nephew, Karl, and not surprisingly. The piece is as arresting in variety of key as in texture, its figuration leaving no doubt that it really was the piano, not the orchestra, through which Schu-bert was thinking. While respecting its intimacy, the duo. revelled in its surprises and contrasts, ravishing the ear with their liquid tone, their subtly balanced textures and their totally natural musical grace. Whereas here Mr Frantz was

primo, in the Grand Duo in C of 1824, and the so-called "Lebensturme" Allegro in A-minor dating from Schubert's last year, Mr Eschenbach took

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from

over the top. Not, of course, that it signified any lessening of responsibility for Mr Frantz, for, in the Grand Duo in par ticular, the thematic interest is equally divided. Again the partnership was exemplary.

Acute listening to each other, on top of intuitive sympathy, resulted in phrasing so closely matched, with the vital thread in the argument so continuously sustained although shared that the whole performance could have come from one pair of hands. In their fullness of sonority in climaxes they ack nowledged that Schubert, in imagination, had transformed the piano into an orchestra. Yet there was no loss of clarity. Always your ear was directed to where it ought to

Possibly tension sagged little in more intimate moments of the Grand Duo's first movement; possibly the Scherzo was over-deliberate. Yet the finale emerged all the more spirited in consequence. The unexpected brought some touchingly beautiful, imitative part-playing from Mr Eschenbach. In the "Lebenssturme". both artists were keenly responsive to visionary key surprise. As for the friendlier marches chosen as encores, their melting way with the G major trio of Op 40, No. 2 in G minor will probably haunt all who heard it until her come and plant as a small they come and plant as a small triple. they come and play to us again.

LSO/Atherton Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths

Sunday night's concert, the third in the present phase of the Stravinsky festival, was a quire extraordinarily stimulating oc-casion, enough to make anyone wonder again at the variety of the composer's output. There is surely no other musician who could field four such diverse works, ranging in time from the Pushkin ecloque. The Faun and the Shepherdess of 1907 to the mystery play The Flood of 1962, and including also The Star-Faced One, a mystical vision of Christ in judgment vastly scored for men's voices and orchestra, and the operawas youthful romanticism and aged parsimony, religious exul-tation and the didactic elucida-

tion of a myth.

Since Stravinsky's death
almost a decade ago it has
begun to be possible to detect certain constants in his music. but a programme like this must give one pause. It is utterly baffling, for instance, that on the way from Petrushku to The the way from Petrushka to The Rite of Spring he should have written The Star-Faced One, a short and almost immobile cantata which fixes a halo of hazy harmony around the poem by Balmont. It is also odd to observe how in the Pushkin piece the young Stravinsky was willing to indulge in a gushing lyricism, leaning towards Tchaikovsky, and it hardly helps one to place these works to home one to place these works to note that they share the mythologies, Christian and Greek, of later masterpieces.
Wisely, David Atherton, conducting the London Symphony Orchestra, made little attempts to ignored a common attempt.

Orchestra, made little attempt to impose a common style on the evening, though he did show how so many of Stravin-sky's ideas, particularly those for solo winds, have an almost palpable feel and distinctive-ness, whatever the work. With his energetic rhythms and his his energetic rhythms and his neat timing he was also able to remind us how skilled Stravinsky was as a musical dramatist, and it was good to hear Oedipus Rex for once made abundantly theatrical, the London Symphony Chorus not blinded by the Latin but thoroughly living the words. The soloists were excellent too. Ann Murray, delightful in The Faim was a locasta of

too. Ann Murray, delightful in The Faim, was a Jocasta of beautiful voice and vulnerable demeanour, whereas Robert Tear as Oedipus effectively took an opposite approach, sounding weak but singing with vaulting pride. The smaller parts were well taken by John Shirley-Quirk, John Tominson and Anthony Rolfe Johnson, all of whom were also involved in of whom were also involved in The Flood. But that work, even with Michael Hordern as narra-

Any Trouble Marquee

Richard Williams

they enjoy manipulating the hasic three chords of pop, they like their music to have a rhythmic charge, they believe in strong hook-phrases, and they have feel emphatically that a song the should end once its point has

The upholders of that tradition suffered a lean time during the era of progressive, rock. Mostly they subscribed in Let It Rock, started groups to, play for pints in pubs, and waited their opportunity. It came with the arrival of the new wave, and a return to the brevity which allowed the sharper of them, notably Elvison

Costello and Joe Jackson, to a reassert their values in a slightly modified form.

Any Trouble have been confirmed with Costello and modern and pared with Costello and m. Jackson, since the singing of their leader, Clive Gregson, is the inunmistakebly influenced by the former, while his compositions contain elements strongly the former reminiscent of both. He does for in 10. possess a degree of originality in the though, and it is most readily in the apparent in live performance in the Unusually, in these days, he to conveys a sense of fun. Watch Leiching ing Gregson, one is made to to the feel the sheer pleasure to be to the feel the sheer pleasure to be an and from playing in a good rock and roll band, whether in a state of the same of

most of his contemporaries, for a land of the next week's chart position. The distriction of the last position of Barnes, the bassist.

About one in five of Gree That neither "Second Choice "Mary notice nor "Girls Are Always Right", was a hit speaks most elegant about the dictatorship of fashion; one day soon he will write something irresistible.
Fans of Holly, Springsteen.
Knopfler and Costello should not even wait that long, but to investigate forthwith.



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tor and Ronnie Stevens as Noah, seemed by comparison as wooden as the ark

# How conditions for buying The Times will be enforced House of Commons conditions will be subject to the take the opportunity now or at Trade—we will see that this time-bave a free flow of the country?

State for Trade, said that in view of the cominuing interest in the matter he was publishing a memorandum setting out the material on which he reached his decision to consent to the transfer of The Times and The Sunday Times without a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade (North Lanarkshire, Lab), questioning Mr Biffen during exchanges after question time, said: The responsibility for not referring this to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission rests on his own shoulders. The substitution for that is the so called guarantees given by the new proprietor about editorial independence and integrity. What sentions has he to make sure these guarantees are observed in the future? to consent to the transfer of The

the future?

Mr Biffen: Two of the conditions require changes in the articles of association of the companies concerned in order to safeguard the position of the independent national directors and to preserve editorial independence.

The enforcement of these conditions will lie essentially with the B shareholders of Times Newspapers and the independent directors. Any breach of the remaining

The proposal by Associated Newspapers to obtain full control of the Bristol Evening Post and the West Daily Press did not require the consent of the Secretary of State for Trade, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, said when questioned about the proposite (Cloursetter, C.)

East. Lab): Does she appreciate the consternation this answer will

give to the readers of these news-papers in Bristol and the workers in the enterprise? Has Mr Biffen forgotten so soon his once-vaunted bellef in free Competition?

Mrs Oppenhelm: I have received no expressions of consternation from any members of the public as far as I am aware. The law as it

stands is the law, and this is not a referable reference under the

newspaper mergers provision of the Fair Trading Act. If it were, Mr Biffen would consider it as

Hr Paul Dean (North Somerset. :): All who come from the areas erved by these two excellent local

newspapers greatly value the trong element of local control hat exists at present.

-Ars Oppenheim: I also come from he area which is, at least partly, overed by these newspapers, and I have carefully noted his comment.

fr Christopher Price (Lewisham,

present figure of 40 per cent. Mr Cetil Parkinson, Minister of State for Trade, said during questions. Mr Devid Knox (Leek. C) had laked what was the surplus or the left. on visible trade with the

EEC in January and how that com-pared with the position in January

Mr Parkinson (South Hertford-thire, C) said the figures for Janu-try would be announced later. Since the beginning of 1980 our trade with the EEC had moved

from deficit into surplus.

Mr Knox: Can he confirm he expects a healthy improvement to

be shown in the figures for January 1981 compared with January 1980? By how much have exports to the REC rises since we joined the Community in 1973?

Mr Parkinson: Since 1970 our share of trade with the Community has

grown to 40 per cent from 30 per

cent of our trade.

Mr Ronald Leighton (Newnham, Vorth-East, Lab): Is not this printipally because our exports of oil last year increased from £1,600m to £2,700m and because of the recession we are not importing so much

In other words, unemployment is working as an effective import tourol and the underlying imbalance in our trade in manufactures has not been affected.

hir Parkinson: The imbalance in bur trade in manufactures has been affected. It has been reduced con-

Ederably and last year our exports accounted for 90 per cent of our imports as opposed to only 84 per cent the year before.

Our trade in oil has increased. I

Parliamentary notices

ioday at 2.30: Debates on Opposition notions on absence of effective Government action to precent closure of laftot Linewood and on EEC sugar proposals and their effect on United Kingdom refineries and the economies of aveloping countries.

UK trade with EEC

Consent not required

for Bristol Post deal

the Fair Trading Act. 1973.

Mr Jonathan Afthen (Thanet, East. C): Whatever the past disagreements on this issue, since we are now dealing with a fait accompli we could all well wish Mr. Rupert Murdoch and the new management of Times Newspapers good luck, because they are certainly going to need it. (Laughter.) Mr Biffen: I think that was underhand bowling up to the best Australian standards. I realize the decision I took was controversial and by the nature of the decision it could not have been otherwise. I am reinforced by the observations of the deputy editor of The Times when he said they were stronger guarantees than they had ever had and he did not think any other newspaper in the world had such guarantees.

Mr Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry,

Mr Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry, North-West, Lab): Would be make available some detailed financial information so that the general public unease about the grounds on which he took the decision regarding The Sunday Mr Biffen: There is now available to the House the data which was available to me and on which I the decision took the decision.

take the opportunity now or at some convenient time to deal with one of the basic issues, that of a would-be buyer and sciller allowing such a short time that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission could not report in a reasonable time before the deal?

Mr Biffen: He properly identifies what has been a disturbing aspect of this whole episode. Whether we can adjust our legislation to overcome that difficulty I do not know. I do not want to make any encouraging comments from this box. I take what he said.

Earlier Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield. East. Lab) had asked Mr Biffen what plans be had to improve and strengthen the Monopolies Commission. Mr Biffen: The Monopolies and Mergers Commission has been strengthened to perform its new functions under the Competition Act, and I have just appointed an additional Deputy Chairman. In consultation with the chairman. we shall keep its resources and procedures under review. consultation with the chairman, we shall keep its resources and procedures under review. Mr Shacrman: Is there not concern in a case like the recent takeover of Times Newspapers that this body could not respond in less than 10 to 12 weeks?

scale will have to be improved in future if this body is to be of any use at all? any use at all?

Mr. Biffen: The speed with which the Commission can work is substantially affected by the amount of evidence it has to consider, and the speed with which that evidence is made available.

In the instance of Times Newspapers, the Commission said that they might take as long as eight weeks to consider the representations to be put before it. I have no reason to doubt their indgment. Mr Banty Henderson (East Fife, C): Will be consider bringing shipping cartels within the ambit of the anti-monopoly legislation, particularly in view of recent evidence that British exporters are suffering a positive disadvantage compared with their German competitors?

Mr Biffen: I note what he has

competitors?

Mr Biffen: I note what he has suggested. He will not expect me to give an immediate answer.

Mr Christopher Price: (Lewisham, West, Lab): Will he consider the monopoly: position of the Press Association, which is a monopoly owned by local monopolies ever since the demise of Extel?

I have recently discussed this sin less than 10 to 12 weeks?

Surely now that we have the situation where Mr Murdoch has taken over The Times—and that will be a lasting and fitting tribute to the new Secretary of State for

about country?
Mr Bitten: I will inquire of the
Director General of Fair Trading
what is the conclusion of the
correspondence to which he has advertising content

**Complaints** 

Mr Duhs: There is concern

what is the conclusion of the correspondence to which he has referred. Air David Mellor (Wandsworth, Putney, C): There was support in this House and outside for his decision nor to refer The Times take over to the Monopolles and Mergers Commission.

It is extraordinary that Mr Murdoch should be subjected to such abuse from the other side in taking over a business currently losing film a year, thereby protecting hundreds of jobs.

Mr Biffen: I recognize my decision was controversial, and I do not complain one moment of that. I take note of what he so encouragingly says.

Mr John Smith, Chief Opposition spokesman on trade: The view expressed by Mr Mellor is a minority view in this House. The view is widely held that he ought to have referred it.

Would be, since he substituted for a reference to the Monopolies Commission a set of conditions upon the new proprietor of Times Newspapers, tell us what sanctions be is to apply to the new proprietor if he breaks any of these conditions?

Mr Biffen: There is another question on the order paper devoted specifically to this. The majority of complaints the Department of Trade received about the distribution of unsolidited advertising material through the post, was not about the fact that it had been sent unsolidited but about the advertising content. Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, stated. Mr Affred Dubs (Wandsworth, Battersea, South, Lab) asked what representations had been received about the distribution of unsolidited advertising material through the post, and Mrs Oppenheim (Gloucester, C) replied: We receive a number of complaints about such material.

Mr Dubs: There is concern

# Levy on windfall gas profits to

under it, was that newspapers are a special case.

This House and the Monopolies
Commission should look closely at
this, because if case after case is to

go through without scrutiny, the public at large will feel we simply do not care about the concentra-tion and monopoly of press in this Mrs Oppenheim: Questions of constuner and competition legislation are under review from time to time in my department. Obviously, this is among a number of areas to be looked at when this legislation is reviewed.

about the proposed takeover.

Mrs Oppenheim (Gloucester, C) stated: The proposed takeover does not require the Secretary of State for Trade's consent under the newspaper merger provisions of the Fair Trading Act 1973 and the question of a reference under those provisions does not arise.

The Director General of Fair Trading is, however, making the usual investigations to see if the take-over qualities for reference under the general merger provisions of the Act.

If he finds that it does, he will make his recommendation to me in the normal way and Mr Biffen, the Secretary of State will announce his decision as soon as possible.

Mr Arthur Palmer (Bristol, North-East, Lab): Does she appreciate reviewed.

Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman on trade (Lambeth, Norwood, Lab): Why is a reference not mandatory under section 58? Clearly these papers are economical going concerns. They are not controlled by Associated Newspapers; they have only three directors out of the eight on the board. On the face of it, the combined circulation would qualify them to be referred under section 58.

If they are not referable, would of reservey under section 58.

If they are not referable, would she give personal support for a reference under the general merger provisions of the Fair Trading Act?

Mrs Oppenheim: Within the mean-ing of the Act, Associated News-papers is already the newspaper proprietor in relation to the news-papers in the Bristol Evening Post group, which includes the Western Daily Press. No reference is possible under

No reference is possible under the Act where the existing proprie-tor simply increases his control, although this may be a matter for a general reference by the Director General of Fair Trading in the newspaper merger sections of the Fair Trading Act. Mr Fraser: Would she reexamine the conclusions she has come to in the light of the facts? There is no mathematical law as to whether

mathematical law as somebody controls a company or Mrs Oppenheim: As it stands

Nest. Lab): A whole new law is necessary on the statutary provious governing newspaper mergins. The spirit of the 1973 Act, agree this is tantamount to being though this does not actually fail

reduce corporation's surplus cash

the Bill.

Mr Howell (Guildford, C) sald the Bill provided that for the current year and subsequent years a levy should be payable in respect of gas purchased by the BGC from gas fields or reservoirs on the United Kingdom continental shelf under contracts which were not at present subject to petroleum revenue tax.

present subject to petroleum revenue tax.

It specified the rate of levy for the three financial years 1980-31 to 1982-83 at one, three and five pence per therm respectively. On the basis of the most recent financial forecasts of the BGC the amounts of levy payable were expected to be about \$130m in 1980-81. £420m in 1981-82 and \$150m in 1982-83. Post-levy profits in the current year were forecast. in the current year were forecast to be in the region of £300m. Virtually all the gas at present coming from the United Kingdom continentst shelf was supplied to the BGC by the producers under

the BGC by the producers under long-term contracts signed before the oil price explosion, and in consequence the prices currently paid reflected prices agreed upon in a different era of cheap energy which no longer existed.

Cheap gas was a rapidly declining asset. New supplies from the more distant northern waters would cost anything up to 10 times the prices originally paid for gas under the old contracts from the southern basin of the North Sea.

Prices must reflect the cost of

These considerations had led the Government to set the BGC a new three year financial target based on the BGC's and Government's mices based on belief in charging prices based on secure supplie sensible economic principles. For seeking them.

Ir was always recognized that the effect of this policy of economic pricing was bound to result in a period of big windfall profits accruing to British Gas which continued to benefit from gas supplies from the southern basin on contracts prespriated many years are tracts negotiated many years ago.

tracis negotiated many years ago.

The purpose of the levy was to transfer this windfall profit from the corporation to the Exchequer, so that the Government and the House were free to decide where the benefit should go.

By removing the unearned windfall the corporation would be left in a more normal commercial situation, which would help encourage them to maintain, standards of efficiency which might otherwise have been at risk. otherwise have been at risk.

The gas levy was not a crude profits tax. It was a charge on the corporation's gas purchases, fixed for three years shead to cover the period of the current financial target and limited to PRT-exempt gas. Such sas at present comprised the

get and limited to PRT-exempt gas. Such gas at present comprised the bulk of the corporation's supplies but by the early years of the next decade this proportion would have fallen considerably.

The flevy would make no differnce to what happened to prices. In reality neither the purpose nor the effect of the Bill would be to draw additional monies into the public sector—only into the Exchequer. In the absence of the levy the BGC's surplus cash would continue to be deposited with the national loans fund and continue to bear interest. It would he wrong to allow such surpluses to continue to accumulate.

late.

He had agreed with British Gas a revised financial target expressed as an average annual rate of return to be achieved over the period

capital investment programme cur-rently under way, aimed at improv-ing gas supplies to industrial and domestic consumers and providing secure supplies to more of those

Last year the British Gas Corporation's pretax profits were £425m and within a year or two, without the Honse's approval of the Gas Levy Bill, they would rise to over above the rate of inflation. It was always recognized that the felect of this policy of economic come from profits and he pricing was bound to result in a Secretary of State for Energy, said when moving the second residing of the Bill.

Administration domestic gas the plan was to move towards the economic level at the spokesman on energy (Leeds, South, Lab) said that research was necessary now to find alternative supplies of gas. The money would be availed to see the corporation had secretary of State for Energy, said when moving the second residing of the Bill. domestic gas the plan was to move towards the economic level at the spokesman on energy (Leeds, rate of 10 per cent a year, over and above the rate of inflation.

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they had to perform in the next two decades.
On paper the Bill was a simple transaction but it was not so simple when it came to pricing on the grounds that the Gas Corporation said one thing and the Government said another.

said another.

The levy was not just revenue; it was money for investment which might have to be used for a wide variety of industry in the months

and years to come:

Sir Hugh Fraser (Stafford and
Stone, C) said windfall and retro-Stone, C) said windfall and retro-active taxes were wrong. It was questionable whether when unem-ployment in the West Midlands was rising faster than anywhere else it was appropriate to impose a hurden on the gas industry when prices were already higher than for their European competitors.

Domestic prices should be brought into line with industrial prices as the consumer had always been subsidized by industry in Britain whether it was in electricity, gas or coal.

Mr Peter Rost, (South-East Derby-Mr reter Kost, (South-East Derby-shire, C) said the state gas mono-poly had distorted the market by holding down the price of gas as a monopoly supply buyer to a level where the exploration and develop-ment of new resources had been made uneconomic made uneconomic.

He had no reservations in sup-porting the Bill because the Gov-ernment had had the courage to tackle the problem by introducing policies directed towards realistic energy pricing.

Mrs Oppenheim, Minister for Consumer Affairs, in a written reply,
announced that following an even
more extensive publicity campaign
by the Department of Trade in
1980, the figures for firework injuries in Great Britain fell once
again and were the lowest ever
recorded. in 1978, 953 persons required hospital treatment (she said). In 1979 there were 745, and in 1980 the number fell to 555. The number of more serious lu-juries fell by about 12 per cent and minor injuries by 29 per cent. Inevaluation of the proposal could take place. That was expected to be completed shortly. juries to children under 13 fell by

concern.

almost a quarter.

It is worth noting that following an agreement with the manufacturers to reduce the explosive contracts The Bill was read a second time by 153 votes to 104—Government tent in bangers, the number of injuries caused by bangers felt by nearly 30 per cent. The number of street incidents also fell significantly.

Injuries from

fireworks

lowest ever

Higher fees blamed for fall in numbers Peer wants new .. survey of old Mr Keith Hampson (Ripon. C) said adult and continuing education was vital for the economic prospects of the country because it was the means of tapping the potential of the people and acquiring the skills mineral workings

House of Lords
In the South East region alone
there were some 26 square miles of
past decelication and over the
country as a whole the figure must
be several times that, Lord Nugent
of Guildford (C) said when the
Committee stage of the Town and
Country Planning (Minerals) Bill
was combined. qualifications that would be Mr Phillip Whitehead, an Opposi-tion spokesman on education, (Derby, North, Lab) said he sup-ported a greater priority for con-tinuing and adult higher education.

Exhortations from the department had all too often gone ignared by local authorities which had seen, because of the political and financial pressures they faced, a soft contion in the cutting of adult edu-He moved a new clause requiring He moved a new clause requiring the Secretary of State for the Environment to undertake a survey of all known former mineral workings to identify land so altered that it needed remedial action to improve its appearance or to bring it into an acceptable condition for us, and to initiate this remedial treatment within 10 years of the Bill receiving royal assent.

Lord Nugent of Guildford said option in the cutting of adult education.

He had visited the Open University at the weekend and found that, taking this week against the equivalent of 1980, applications were 2,400 down and while there had been an 18 per cent drop in applications from the north, there was a 9 per cent increase in applications from the south.

There was a division between

Bili receiving royal assent.

Lord Nugent of Guildford said local authorities could not be expected to shoulder the cost of restoration of these areas. The Government would have to pick up the tab. It would be unreasonable to advocate that it should do so at this time of linancial stringency, but the opportunity should be taken of including in this excellent Bill the intention of carrying out a Bill the intention of carrying out a country-wide survey so that a reg-ister could be compiled of all such derelict areas.

derelict areas.

Lord Bellwin, Under Secretary for
Environment, said the implications
of the proposed new clause were
worrying. Were they so certain
about the availability of resources
in the next few years that they
could commit themselves to starting work on every site within the
stated period?

The most constitute consideration

stated period?

The most careful consideration would be given to this new survey work and officials in the department were ready for discissions to resolve possible problems. The new clause was withdrawn.

The committee stage The East Sussex Bill and Disused Burial Grounds (Amendment) Bill were read the third time and

Rebuilt hospital to open in 1983

Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, a Lord in Waiting, said in a written reply that preliminary site work for repairs at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, London was in

progress.

He added: Rebuilding is planned to start in June 1981 and it is envisaged that the hospital will reopen in its new role in mid-1983. The cost of this development, including equipment, is estimated at 22,700,000 at October 1979 prices, of which £2,400,000 will be met by the Department, and £300,000 by coluntary subscription. The cost of providing any additional services providing any additional services will be met from voluntary funds.

HOME NEWS\_\_\_\_

# 60 MPs of all parties oppose reduction of increase in pensions

Social Services Correspondent The Government decision to proceed with plans to reduce proceed with plans to reduce this year's pensions increase by 1 per cent less than the infla-tion rate came under fire from all sides of the Commons yesterday.

By last night 60 MPs from all parties had signed an early day motion urging the Govern-ment to reconsider the decision, and the move was described as "squalid" by Mr Norman Buchan, Labour spokesman on Social security.

The decision, first announced in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's November state-

Mr Dubs: There is concern about organizations like Readers' Digest Ltd who assemble lists of names and addresses and combine the right to purchase goods in this way with the free entry to prize competitions. People are unhappy about this stuff coming through the post.

Mrs Oppeoheim: The majority of complaints we receive about such material is not about the fact that it has been sent unsolicited but about the advertising content.

The complaints we have received ment, is incorporated in the Social Security Bill, for which a second reading date is expected to be announced next The Bill also provides for the

raising and index-linking of fines for social security fraud, and for the relaxation of sickness benefit rules to allow kidney patients to claim when their, incapacity does not last for four consecutive days. The Government argues that

that it has been sent unsolicited but about the advertising content. The complaints we have received number prominently among them complaints about Readers' Digest. Complaints about Readers' Digest. Complaints about Leisure Arts, who gave a mistaken impression that the recipient had won something substantial, and about a company called the Joy of Knowledge. It also gave a mistaken impression about education in this country and implied it was giving a FSO voucher.

A number of them I have refered to the Advertising Standards Authority.

What we need to watch carefully is the advertising content.

Mr Toby Jessel (Richmond upon Thames, Twickenham, C): It would be simplest if the public followed the example of MPs and simply put quantities of printed material which they do not want into the wastepaper basket.

Mrs Oppenhelm: That is true of most people. It is where the content of such unsolicited communications is misleading in advertising terms that this gives rise for concern.

Mr Russell Kerr (Hounslow. a 1 per cent reduction below the inflation rate is necessary for pensions and other benefits because of public spending constraints and because benefits rose last November by I per cent more than the inflation

was delayed by two weeks and failed to make good a short-fall the previous year.

The all-party pensioners group in the Commons is concerned that the Bill will further erode the value of pensions. The group is concerned that the increase last November was lower than under previous legislation because it was the first to take prices only as the relevant index; instead of earnings or prices.

Today the group will meet to organize a lobby to persuade the Government to change its

Mr Buchan said last night that the Government would be bdeaking its promise at least to protect pensioners against inflation if the Bill went ahead. It would mean, instead, that "at most" pensioners would have such protection. "It is a bitter irony that in the Bill that proposes a mean and squalid cutback on pensions the Government proposes to in crease fines on so-called scroungers to the level of inflation.

" It means that no pensione can ever become better off and that while the Home Secretary is proposing cuts in sentences for crimes, sentencing for people caught up in social security problems will in-crease."

# Plan to use coasts as nuclear waste dumps

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Rock formations on the coasts are being examined as possible alternatives to inland sites for the disposal of long-lived, highly active nuclear waste.

coucern.

Mr Russell Kerr (Hounslow, Feitham and Heston, Lab): She is being much less forward-looking than a previous Conservative Postmaster-General who threw this out of the window and refused to countenance the idea of having unsolicited material.

Mrs Oppenheim: A number of committees have sat on the subject since then. We have had the Unsolicited Goods and Services Act, and I am satisfied that the present balance, as long as we keep an eye on the contents, is not unsatisfactory. A preliminary study requested by the Atomic Energy Authority suggests that a site near the coast could have advantages because the probability of radioactive substances leaking into fresh water becomes very

washed from their containers by the coastline, consisting of a ground-water entering the waste repository, the contaminated water would be dispersed in the sea. The rate at which active materials might be released has encased in steel, into which the waste from the nuclear mover programme and that 2000

physics, says a number of assumptions are involved in the preliminary calculations because there is no hydrological information available about the movement of water through the type of coastal rock formations being considered for high-level waste disposal.

The possible areas with hard

rock under review are in Corn-wall, Cumbria, the north-western coast of Scotland, and the Outer Hebrides. They have been chosen because the form-stion stretches into the sea A repository would be built If radioactive materials were about half a kilometre from

Radiological Protection Board. power programme and that Dr Marion Hill, one of the created up to the year 2000 board's specialists in geo-could be dumped.

Arson boys jailed | Pressure grows lose appeals
Two schoolboys started a

100,000 fire at their Sussex school "apparently because they disliked some of the teachers and they bad impending examinations", Mr. Justice Glidewell said in the Court of

Appeal yesterday.
The offence was carefully planned, the judge added. He was string with Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice Thompson, and he dismissed appeals by the boys aged 15 and 16, against their

sentence at Lewes last August to be detained for life. Mr Justice Glidewell said the sentence did not mean the boys would be detained all their lives. Their progress would be considered by the Home Secretary.

The boys pleaded guilty at their trial to burglary and arson at Lady Margaret School, Ifield, near Crawley, a year ago.

#### for Bill to help disabled By Our Social Services

Correspondent

Pressure was building up on the Government last night to support the blocked Disabled Persons Bill after 255 MPs, including 42 Conservatives, signed an early day motion supporting

Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru MP for Cacrnarfon, the sponsor of the Bill, said last night that he would continue pressing for a second reading on all successive Fridays open for private members' Bills.

The Bill would strengthen legislation on access to public buildings for disabled people. Although it is supported by the all-party disablement group and by a wide range of disability organizations, the Bill was blocked when it came up for second reading last Friday be-cause an MP shouted "object".

# Battle over 127 acres of common nears climax

The land and general services sub-committee of North Yorkshire County Council will be called on next mouth to take a decision which could effec-nively give Lord Halifax the right to farm 127 acres of land which has been a common for the past 700 years.

The area, Tillmire Common, lies about a mile from the vil-lage of Heslington and the same

distance from the south-eastern boundary of the city of York. The trustees of Halifax Estate feel able to turn the land to the plough because of an error by the owners of common rights on the Tillmire, as it is known, in not registering their rights.

If enclosed, drained and brought into arable use, the common is estimated to be worth between £250,000 and £300,000 and would be added to the 2,000 acres held by the estate in the area.

The estate trustees have indicated their willingness to maintain fenced bridle ways and devote 20 acres of the Tillmire to a nature reserve. The modern story of the Till-mire started in 1965 with the

passing of the Commons Registration Act which said all commons and common rights must be registered by March 1, 1970. The Halifax Estate claims ownership of the Tillmire. Heslington Parish Council registered the land as common land but the two holders of common rights, York City Council and a Miss E. V. Smith, of The

Regional report Ronald Kershaw York

Maylands, Heslington, failed to register their common rights. Part of the problem was confusion over the naming of different parts, of the common, which with Heslington Common had been one common until 1934 when the Tillmire was separated to permit the estab-lishment of a golf club.

The mistake was discovered in July, 1970, and the error pointed our to the registration authority, then East Riding County Council, but the common rights holders were four months too late and the mistake could not be corrected, despite the fact that the registration process of commons was not completed until November,

1970 A third part of the Registration Act involves the examina tion of ownership which still has to be enacted.

The Halifax Estate is now claiming that the Tillmire is a common over which there are no common rights and so it has applied to the registration authority, now North Yorkshire County Council, to have the Tillmire removed from the register of common land.

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# Europe a large base on which to build trade Membership of the EEC had led to a quickening in the trend for the United Kingdom to have a greater thate of its total trade with the Community and a lesser share with the rest of the world, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister of State for Trade, said during question time.

sists of industrialized countries and the prospect for industrialized countries within the foresceable future is one of rather slow

sible for this imbalance:

Mr Parkinson: I did explain that in
1979 our exports of manufactures,
excluding oil, was about 84 per
cent of our imports. Last year the
figure was 90 per cent, so there is
an improvement in our export of
manufactures, excluding off.

Mr Tom King, Minister for Local Government and Environmental Services, in a written reply, said: Average domestic rate bills in England and Wales (after allowing for rebates) rose from £44.50 in 1970-71 to £182 in 1980-81, an increase

moves into surplus The United Kingdom's share of hope be will not try to pretend we brade with the EEC had increased should exempt that figure from 30 per cent in 1970 to the our balance of payments. We are present figure of 40 per cent. Mr constantly being told the hardenconstantly being told the harden-ing of the pound based oil has affected our exports of other-items. If he wishes to make adjust-ments for oil, he should make adjustments to reflect that fact as well.

Mr Edward Taylor (Southend Mr Edward Taylor (Southers, East, C): Last year our deficit in manufactured trade with the EEC was about £5m a day. Would be be willing to enter into consultation with the Secretary of State for Employment (Mr James Prior) to find out what was the impact to jobs in Britain by having a deficit of £5m a day in manufactured trade?

Mr Parkinson: He is right about the figure. Mr. Taylor ought to accept that it represents a reduction of about 22m a day on the figure of the year before. He should be careful about arguing that if one has a surplus with an area or a country that this is proof something is wrong. There are a substantial number of areas where we are running a surplus.

we are running a surplus.

Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman on trade (Lambeth, Norwood, Lab): If oil exports to the EEC are running at £3;000m a year, is not the minister concerned about the imbalance in manufactures? To what extent is the present value of the pound responsible for this imbalance?

Rate bills House of Lords
Today at 2.0: Industry Bull, second reading, Contempt of Court Bull, inhard index rose by 265 per cent.

#### southern basin of the North Sez. Prices must reflect the cost of supply on a continuing basis. If they did not follow that principle they ran serious risks. Demand would grow more rapidly than supply, consumers would switch to gas in a thoroughly misleading belief about prices only to find that in following years the price of gas would jump by percentages that made anything experienced so far look, small, Mr Norman Lamont, Under Secre-ary of State for Energy (Kingston upon Thames, C) said that recently April .1980, to March, 1983, of 3.5 there had been indications that the Republic of Ireland might be pre-pard to supply natural gas from its resources to Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland had asked the per cent on net assets valued at current cost. The corporation's post-levy profits over the three-year period, together with the provision for depreciation, should be sufficient to finance their current major Dublin Government to provide demiled infomration so that an

attending adult education classes A considerable number of people who, sought adult education were who, sough adult education were in danger aow of being priced out. of that target, Mr Robin Squire (Havering, Hornchurch, C) said when he opened a debate calling attention to the importance of adult education and the restraints under which it operated.

under which it operated.

He introduced a private member's motion urging local authorities to make appropriate provision in planning the allocation of resources.

Mr Squire said a 17 per cent growth in the numbers involved in sdult education in 1978 brought the figure up to over two million. There had been a drop in 1979 and in 1980, largely due to the fees policy. ation of resources.

policy.

A survey had shown that where there were substantial increases in fees there was a corresponding major reduction in enrolments. In 1980-81 the amount included in the vate support grant for adult educa-tion was cut by 25 per cent; over the next three years the cut would average out at about 33 per cent.

There was increasing evidence in different parts of the country that the spectre of the destruction of the service was apparent. the service was apparent.
Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) said that as a university lecturer, he had found that the highest motivation in higher educa-

inghest motivation in higher education was that of those people who
had been in the world of work and
recognized what they needed, putting to shame many of those who
came in at 18 simply because that
was where the escalardy had led
them, but had no great commitment to the course of education on
which they had embarked.

Many local authorities were not
even providing remission of feesfor people on low incomes or the
handicapped. He was worried by
the rigidity of a system which
made it relatively easy to get
higher education at 18 and extremely difficult to do so later in life.
Mr wallam Shelton (Lambeth,
Streatham, C) said there should be
a statutory definition of adult education.

A person who was filiterate and A person who was filiterate and impunerate was suffering from a

nandicap as it de was blind or deal or dumb. It was a crime for any school to let any child who had the mental ability to read and write leave that school illiterate and in-numerate.

Mr Gwilym Roberts (Cannock, Lab) said that it would be difficult Lab) said that it would be difficult for adult education to recover from the damage which the Government's policies were doing to the structure of adult education. There had to be a change of heart by the Government. Ministers had to fight for the education corner, and the post-16 torner in particular.

Mr Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge, C) said that the figure of three million adult illiterates in this country was an alarming and disconcerting statistic. The country faced a remedial task in adult edufaced a remedial task in adult edu-cation, which was that of trying to-rectify the inadequacies of certain, schools and areas.

Schools and areas.

Mr Derek Foster (Bishop Auckland, Lab) said they must make certain that adults were not stopped from joining courses which would be extremely useful just because they did not have the requisite number of A levels or qualifications of any kind. This would create insuperable hurdles.

Mr. Devid Meller (Wardsworth Mr David Mellor (Wandsworth, Putney, C) said there was room within existing and falling, budgets for better provision to be made for adult education if the will to do so was present.
Some local authorities had gone

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing, North), Chairman of the all-party committee on adult education, said that disused school buildings should become convers for adult should become centres for adult should become centres for adult education. Vouchers should be made available to the unemployed which would allow them to attend, at no cost, adult education classes. It had been in many ways a tragic year for adult education with fees going up on average by a third. Enrolments were 10 to 12 per cent down on last year. Some authorities had put up fees by as much as 68 per cent.

Mr Neil Macfariane, Under Secre-tary of State for Education (Sutton and Cheam, C) said one of the success stories of adult education in recent years had been the drive to remedy illiteracy. Some 76,000 people each year had reentered education to receive help. One area where the Government considered priority needed to be given was that of literacy and basic skills. This was indicated by continued support and stimulus for developments through government-financed central agencies. far too far in increasing charges

There was a division between those who could pay and those who could not. That should not be the

principle of access to adult educa

Mr Neil Macfarlane, Under Secre

The Government proposed to maintain to real terms the present level of funding for responsible bodies in adult education. It was recognized that the Open University made an important con-tribution to continued, education and it still received 85.5 per cent of its funding from government.

# The debate was adjourned Job losses in

able but an indication of the net effect can be seen by comparing the levels of employees in employ-

Between November, 1979 and November 1980 the provisional numbers of employees in employment in the United Kingdom in the textiles industries-excluding the production of man, made fibresand in clothing fell by 99,100 from 731,600 to 632,500.

#### Mr Peter Morrison, Under Secretary for Employment, in a written reply, said: Precise information about textile and clothing job losses and job gains is not avail-

House adjourned, 7.06 pm.

Our exporters ought to be directing much more of their attention of th

Mr Eric Deakins (Waltham Forest, Walthamstow, Lab) said this trend was, to say the least, a little unfor-The Community (he said) con-

to the great potential in the rest of the world, particularly developing countries, where the prospects for the EEC is that there is more long-term economic destricts. long-term economic growth are much better than in the industria-lized countries.

Mr Parkinson: I do not think this an either-or situation. We are inside a market of 270m people with no external tariff against us. This gives a good opportunity for us operating within a large home base to brild up our trade.

to build up our trade.

I see no signs that Rritish industry is ignoring the rest of the world. Wherever I go in the rest of the world, I see British industry extremely active in seeking our new markets.

ent action. The textile and clothing lobby here today is a measure of the anxiety about that because of the

power away from the United Kingdom Parliament and that the EEC is lethargic about implementing anti-dumping legislation and the multi-fibre arrangement. That has all moved to the EEC and the Government cannot take independ-

effects of our increasing trade with the EEC is that there is more European investment in this country. That is a good thing.

Mr Robert Cryer (Keighley, Lab):

The reality is that we have shifted

Mr Parkinson: He is correct.

and randingon: the is concerned about the state of the textile industry and so is the Government. But it does no good at all to identify the wrong cause of the industry applicant. industry's problems. The multi-fibre agreement is administered here. We administer the quotas, monitor them and emorre them. Since we became the Government, we have strengthe the arrangements in a variety of

Mr Parkinson: He is concerned

T do not accept that our member-ship of the EEC is the source of the textile industry's problems. The MEA is in place and doing its

textiles

ment at different dates.

Cricket

# Croft steps in to make Botham's forecast look a little misguided

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

After a brisk start to their innings, in which Boycott and Gooch both had a hand, England rat into trouble against the flerce pace and unrelenting accuracy of the West Indian fast bowlers, especially Croft, in his 17 overs, in which he took three for 33, Croft bowled a number of balls which be all interests and minimum or the contract of the which to all intents and purposes, were unplayable. Bowled from wide of the crease, the way they straightened on pitching made them the equivalent of lightning

As I have written before, Croft quite frequently breaks the return crease with his back foot in the delivery stride. By the laws of cricket this is a no-ball, though for an umpire with a bowler's front foot to watch it is not easily spotted. Bowling as he does, Croft is a fiendish proposition, and he spotted. Bowling as he does, Croft is a fiendish proposition, and he was faster today than I have ever seen him. Once he had separated Gooch and Boycott England had a struggle to make any runs at all. In the four, hours between lunch when they were 45 for no wicket and the finish they scored 114, a good many of which were off the edge.

edge.
West Indies declared this morning after an bour's cricket—
or, to be more accurate, after the players had been on the field for an hour. The first over, by Dilley, took 20 minutes, repairs having to be made to one of his footbolds.

holds.

After Dilley's opening over had eventually ended. Emburey came on at the northern end, where behind him it was raining in the hills. His one over cost him 12 runs, Holding driving him magnificantly for dy. Botham, replaceruns. Holding driving him magnificently for six. Botham. replaceing Emburey, had Holding leg before with a full toss and Garner with a ball of good length—whereupon Roberts, in Botham's third over, hit him for 24, including three huge sixes. Roberts's only other Test 50 was against Australia at Melbourne.

When England went in, the match was entering the fourteenth of its 30 hours. By lunchtime, after 11 overs, they were 45 for no wicket, Boycott 30, Gooch 15. Gooch set the innings going by picking up nine runs off the first over; bowled by Roberts; Boycott, encouraged by this, was soon look-

over; bowled by Roberts; Boycott, encouraged by this, was soon looking actively for runs.

With Boycott's departure in the second over of the afternoon, batting seemed suddenly more perlious. It was not only Boycott's dismissal which was the cause of this; for another three-quarters of an hour Croft bowled devastatingly well and extrapely fast. When an nour Croft bowled devastatingly well and extremely fast. When Richards caught him at third slip Boycott was driving with uncharacteristic vigour. Against Croft, both Gooth and Rose had to hang on for dear life.

Rose had been in for 55 minutes when with the drinks troller wait.

Tennis

## McEnroe's patience is rewarded

Boca Raton, Florida, Feb 16.—
John McEuroe celebrated his
twenty-second birthday a day early
when he rallied to defeat Guillermo Vilas 6—7, 6—4, 6—0, in
the final of a \$300,000 tournament
here. The New Yorker fought
back from a 1—3 deficit in the
second set to win only his second
tournament on clay since turning
professional in 1977. He was
clearly superior in the third set
that brought the three-hour and
five-minute duel to a conclusion.

McEuroe had qualified for the
championship yesterday by hearing
Brian Teacher, the Australian
Open winner. Vilas won a threeset semi-final against Vitas Gerulaitis, who was a late aubstitute
for Bjorn Borg, who withdrew
hecause of a respiratory infection.
Borg had won this title for the
last four years.

McEuroe, who lost in the first
round in this tournament in 1979
and 1980, received \$150,000 for
his winning effort. This week
McEuroe and Borg are due to
compete in a series of exhibitions
in Australia.

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in that McEuroe proved the more

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The final was a surprising one in that McEnroe proved the more patient player at the baseline against an unusually aggressive Vilas. "I had the opportunity to win in the second set, but John played some risky points and got away with it". Vilas said. Their previous record favoured Vilas, who had won six out of nino meetings and had a 3—1 edge on clay. The 28 year-old Argentine appeared to lose his power as the match wore on McEnroe felt that the turning McEnroe felt that the turning point was his ability to come back in the second set. Four errors, three of them unforced, gave McEnroe a service break in the fifth game, and he gained a 5—4 lead after losing three break points. A backhand shot that flew were the breakling save McEnroe over the baseline gave McEnroe the decisive ninth game break. It was no contest in the third set as McEnroe played with confidence despite continued heckling from a capacity crowd of 11,30 who clearly supported his opponent. "It was the best he has ever played on clay against me", observed Vilas.

#### Miss Jaeger too steady for Miss Wade

Andrea Jaeger, the 15-year-old American, played a steadier game than Virginia Wade, 20 years her senior, to win the final of a \$125,000 tournament in Oakland, California, 6-3, 6-1. In the doubles final Miss Wade and Martine Martine Martine and Martine Ma nna Navratiora, the No 2 seeds, lost to Rosic Casals and Wendy Turnbull, the No 1 seeds, 6-1. Kick-oi: 7.30 unios stated,
FA CUP: FUTh round replay:
Everion: Southamplon (7.45).
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Middlesbrough: Crystal Palsee
Convenity City: Manchester: United 2
Tottenham Hotspur (7.45).
SECOND DIVISION: Gloham Athelic
v Wretham
THIRD DIVISION: Burnley v Charton
Athelic. 4. Miss Jaeger's win was worth

\$24,000 and boosted the Illinois schoolgit's 1981 earnings to \$91,000. Her victory took .75 minutes. After two tough earlier matches—she had to come from behind to beat Britain's Sue Barker, 3—6, 5—0, 6—1, in the quarter-final round and Miss Turnbull, 3—6, 7—5, 6—0, in the semi-final round—Miss Jacger's semi-final round—Miss Jacger's win in the final seemed refresh-

ing to come on, he was caught at forward short leg, pushing out at Garner, the 20 overs of the lan Botham's forecast, made on Sunday, that there was unlikely to be a result to this first Test match in 10 days, let alone in five, is looking a little misguided When play closed this evening England, needing 227 to save the follow on, were 159 for seven in reply to West Indies 426 for the morning had yielded 105 runs. When Rose was out England, since lunch, had lost two wickets for 18 runs in 13 overs. At tea Gooch was 32, having stored 11 off his first seven balls and 21 in the next 37 overs. In the lifth over afterwards the lif moved by Roberts. The particular merit of Gooch's innings was the way he battled on in spite of finding it progressively harder to do so. He batted altogether for three hours five minutes, Richthree hours five minutes. Richards had had an over-or two of gentle off breaks by now, a merciful respite for the batsmen, but Croft was back to greet Miller, batting ahead of Botham and Willey. It took Croft 25 minutes to account for Miller, caught at the wicket at 121.

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In Croft's next over Botham was leg before, aiming to hit to leg a ball that was right up to him. After looking for half an hour as though he might be out to any ball, Willey was leg before to Garner, which brought in Downton with 40 minutes left. With 10 to go he was bowled by, of all things, the gentle pace of Gomes. Standing firm through these mounting disasters, Gower batted with the responsibility that has marked his previous innings on the tour and the skill he has always possessed. Coming in at 63 for two he had been batting for three hours when stumps were drawn.

It has been decided that the time lost through rain and the failure of the ground staff to protect the pitch last Thursday night will not now be made up. It was the original intention that it should be, but England were not keen and there was no knowing, anyway, how much time the showers which fell on Friday moraing would have kept the players off the field. There are therefore two days left in which to get a result, and that should be enough.

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E. H. Croft, not out
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Boxing

#### Commonwealth tilt for Jones

The British welterweight champion, Colin Jones, will meet Mark Harris, of Georgetown, Guyana. over 15 rounds for the vacant Commonwealth title at Wembley conference centre on Tuesday, March 3.

Harris, unbeaten in four fights during 1980, will arrive in London on February 25, with his trainer, Lennox Beckles.

minton Association of England.
Only two years ago the association were so short of money that they had to incur an overdraft to pay their staff's salaries. Now they have shown the way to several sports, including athletics, footbell, rugby and tennis, by Implementing the £90,000 first stage of what will eventually be a £250,000 development.

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The Sports Council, always willing to help those who help themselves, have provided a £45,000 grant towards the first part of the plan, which by July will provide a three-court purpose-bullt training half, with all the necessary off-court facilities. The BAE are finding the rest of the money. In two or, three years the development will be extended to include further changing rooms and residential accommodation for weekend training parties, followed later by conference and library facilities, including an area for showing coaching films.

Ian McCallum, vice-chaltman of the Sports Council, said that he

Today's fixtures

THIRD DIVISION: Burney Canada.
Alhielic.
SCOTTISH CUP: Fourth round:
Toplay: Glydesbank y Rimarnock.
WELSH CUP: Fifth round: Shrewsbury Town y Hereford United.
SOUTMERN: LEAGUES: CUP: ScholRail: First Leg: Basingstoke y Bognof
Rail: First Leg: Basingstoke y Bognof
Roils. Midlards: Bedworth v Bridgend;
Corby y Bedierd: Stourheidge y
Bromsgrove. Southern: Habilogs y
Canterbury: Hillingdop y Tonoridge;
Hounslow y Salisbury.

national training centre

Badminton





Stewart (left) and Archibald: Talented players at opposite ends of the pitch.

# Archibald wins over Scots selectors By Norman Fox Football Correspondent Scotland hope to capitalize on the efficient goalscoring of several Football League-based forwards and midfield men when they play their third World Cup qualifying match in Israel tomorrow week. Robertson with Gemmill, Strachan and Souniess in midfield. For the coming game Strachan is absent because of injury as is the excellent Liverpool central defender. Hansen, whose loss is being felt so acutely by his club. Burley the two qualify for Spain, Scotland provided in Israel because Fortugal and Northern Ireland are

Scotland hope to capitalize on the efficient goalscoring of several Football League-based forwards and midfield men when they play their third World Cup qualifying match in Israel tomorrow week. In the competition so far they have scored only once, which was against Sweden last September. against Sweden last September.
Jock Stein, the Scottish
manager, has included the first
division's leading scorer-Archibald,
who has a total of 22 for Tottenham Hotspur, Wark of Ipswich
Town, who has 19 and Dalglish
of Liverpool (16). In addition the
group of 18 has Gray of Wolverbampton. Wanderers and Brazil of
Ipswich so there is unlikely to be
room for the Manchester United
centre forward Jordan, who is in
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Mr Stein will be hoping that his forwards are more effective than in the last goalless draw against Portugal at Hampden Park in October when none of them could break down a stubborn defeace. The attack on that day consisted of Dalglish, Gray and

ble. The party contains most of the The party contains most of the weil-established players who have attempted to raise Scotland's morale since the dolorous days of the World Cup in Argentina. Burns, the Nottingham Forest defender, is again brought in, more for his experience than his future, and Gemmill continues to be a part of the system. But there is also the less familiar Dawson, a Rangers defender who suffered a serious head injury when on tour with his club in Canada last year and has made a good

tour with bis club in Canada last year and has made a good recovery.

Stewart, whose strength and vision has been so helpful to West Ham United, is recognized but, surprisingly Evans, such a power in Aston Villa's championship effort is only on "standby". Jordan and Hartford are also likely to be left in the departure lounge

Although they have a long way to go in the group, from which two quality for Spain, Scotland require a victory in Israel because Portugal and Northern Ireland are now ahead of them. Sweden qualifiers for the last three World Cup final competitions, have not yet won a game but Israel have drawn three and lost only to Portugal. The Irish were unable to score against them in Israel last year. However, Israel's performance last December in Lisbon when beaten 3—0 perhaps shook their confidence and Scotland should take advantage.

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Leighton (Abruden). A. Bwans (Astron.
Ville). I. Jordan (Manchester United).

A. Martford (Everton).

# Sir Harold defends ban on sale of alcohol

"There is no intention to deprive those who wish to drink at football marches, but to do so in an orderly fashion," he writes. "Talk about the restriction of private liberty is rubbish if one is dealing with those who do not wish to conduct themselves properly in society and merely destroy the pleasure of the vast majority."

In the same article Sir Harold

Sir Harold Thompson, chairman of the Football Association, defended moves to introduce a limited bag on the sale of alcohol at Football League grounds. Sir Harold, writing in the latest issue of FA Today, replied to critical who claimed that banning drinks would be an infringement of private liberty.

Sir Harold Thompson, chairman decided as similar to the takeover of on television," Mr Croker writes. Crystal Palace by the former "But whilst the government, through the pools tax and VAT, the substitute of the process developments. We must not can hardly be critical of clubs who look to other means of increasing a sort of financial business market. People who get involved in Although last week's meeting of these deals might lose sight of the league chairmen agreed to abide by the current agreement with the game itself and their actions might lead to the loss of grounds and the stripping of club assets." In the same Issue of FA Toliny. Ted Croker, the Secretary of the FA, said that clubs would not have to use players as "mobile billboards" if the Government did not take so much money out of the game. "People in government have suggested that advertising do players" clothing is undignified and they would sooner not see it.

Although last week's meeting of league chairmen agreed to abide by the current agreement with the by the current agreement with the television companies, which bans shirt ads in televised games, Mr. Croker sees a fresh controversy looming, if shirts ads are permitted in the European Cup competitions. He believes it could lead to top British aldes' European games being blanked off the screens. The answer, Mr Croker says, is for the government to be less greedy when it comes to football.

Rugby Union

# Tottenham reap benefit from the bad luck of two Cup outsiders

As if there was only just room for an outsider, the name of Exeter City was withheld until last in yesterday's draw for the FA Cop sixth round, to be held on March 7. Ten teams remain in this 100th competition that began with 475. All but two are in the first division, although the draw offered no persuasive clue to the ultimate contenders at Wembley ultimate contenders at Wembley

Exeter's chances of reaching the

last eight are still blocked by Newcastle United, whom they meet Newcastle United, whom they theet in a fifth round replay tomorrow, but if successful they play their fifth away de, this time at Tomenham where there is confidence in the air, pardy because the year ends in a one and Spurs won the FA Cup in 1901, 1921, and 1961 as well as the League Cup in 1971. At least Exeter and Newcastle know that their prospective oppodents have a generous nature in the ents have a generous nature in the goalmouth in two of the sharpest finishers of their own, Crooks and Archibald, Tottenham incidentally, have not left London in 13 suc-

have not left London in 13 successive cup ties.

The remaining three ties ar- all first division, with one, Nottingham Forest v Ipswich Town, inviting the keenest attention. Forest, under the stewardship of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor, have not yet won the FA Cup and after failing to take the so called "world club cup" in Tokyo and being 10 poluts behind Ipswich in the first division, much personal pride is at stake.

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Inswich are converging on the double and even though they must now play away, they should go to the City ground with faith in themselves, having beaten Forest 2—1 there in a league game last November. They also won the

will remain with them for at least another season, are the better balanced side but will have to beware the special encouragement that Mr Clough can provide his players when the occasion is really important. The affair in Tokyo was not one of those days. Yesterday Mr Clough emphasized a desire to compensate for comparative lack of success this season by playing at Wembley and he thought that Forest were unlucky to have lost to Ipswich at home. While Tottenham and Ipswich

may appear to offer the most attractive final, some instinct sug-gests that Middlesbrough, who gests that Middlesbrough, who have never ventured beyond the sixth round, are at last following well-defined lines. They began by scoring five goals at Swansea and then beat West Bromwich Albion and Barnsley at home. They are again favoured with a home the against Wolverhampton Wanderers and they beat them 2—0 at Ayresome Park in November, although last month they lost 3—0 at Molineux.

Woives are playing more effectively in the cup than in the league they are likely to expensence defendive difficulties against a Middlesbrough team now offering varied and skilful football.

Having lost to Liverpool in the Having lost to Liverpool in the semi-final round of the League Cup, Manchester City may have to go to Everton, where Arsenal and Liverpool have been eliminated from the FA Cup and where tomorrow Southampton replay a fifth round tie that was goalless on Saturday. Alternatively, a visit to the Dell would be no easier. John Bond, the new City manager, has done marvellously well so far John Bond, the new City manager, has done marrellously well so far but it would be expecting too much to expect him to lead them to Weinbley as well as away from the doors of relegation which not long 'ago were wide open. He confessed yesterday that the draw was "disheartening". Hardly overflowing with confidence he said City had a chance but he had hoped for a luckier draw.

This 100th FA Cup lost its romance too early and it seems that the semi-final round it destined to be exclusively first division. Home advantage was a strong influence over the fifth round and is widely expected to determine the outcame of three tes in the sixth. Only faith with a fancy surviving three earlier rounds encourages a thought that Nottingham Forest will complete a Nottingham Forest will complete a full house of home wins.

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Molineux.

Reading too deeply into league form can be misleading and while

#### FA Cup, sixth round draw

Middlesbrough v Wolverhampton Wanderers. Nottingham Forest v Ipswich Town. Southampton or Everton v Manchester City. Tottenham Hotspur v Newcastle United or Exeter City. Marches to be played on March 7.

## Baker ready to climb the mountain

Graham Baker, an England under 21 international, stands by to replace the injured Nick Holmes in Southampton's midfield for today's FA Cup fifth round replay at Everton. Baker missed Saturday's goalless draw with a thigh strain bur is back in full training and has been added to the squad. Holmes is doubtful after bruising his calf on Saturday. Everton have McMahon available after suspension and his Everton have McMahon available after suspension and his return in midfield would allow Gidman to revert to full back if Bailey does not recover from a hamstring strain. The manager, Gordon Lee, warned against complacency and said: "If any of the players think they have mished the hard part and it will be plain sailing, they have it completely wrong. I did not even listen to the draw and I am not thinking about Manch ster City—all I am thinking about right now is Southampton".

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In the other replay, tomorrow, the third division club, Exeter City, are full of confidence that they can add Newcastle United's scalp to Leicester City's at St James' Park. "If we can produce the form that saw off Leicester, we'll beat them," the manager, Brian Godfrey, said, He has a full-strength squad. Newcastle hope to be unchanged.

Yesterday's results Four division

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# Hilaire's return consoles a weakened Palace

Ipswich Town can open a two-point lead over Aston Villa at the rop of the first division if they win their home game in hand tonight against Middles-brough Ipswich, nobeaten at home since October, 1979, may be without their striker Brazil, who is struggling to overcome an ankle injury and chest infection. But Mills, who has missed the last two matches with a calf strain, is ready to return at right strain, is ready to return at right back and Wark and Mariner are expected to have recovered from leg injuries. O'Callaghan is stand-ing by to deputize for Brazil.

Middlesbrough are one of the few teams to have beaten inswich this season. They won 3—1 at Ayresome Park in the League Cup Ayrestone round, only to lose the second round, only to lose the second leg 3—0 at Portman Road. Middlesbrough's manager, John Meal, fields the team who beat Barnsley in the FA Cup.

Crystal Palace play their first home match under Dario Gradi against Coventry City, beaten twice in London to cup games ger a point at Burnley, but they in the pest week. With Camon, Gilbert and Lovell suspended, Francis unfit and Barron recovering from a knee operation, Palace been ended by a broken nose.

smile again

Torquey had taken the lead two minutes earlier when Fell crossed for Cox to score from 12 yards. Coyle put Stockport ahead in the seventy-lifth minute, Sherlock, a full back, rammed in the third four minutes from time and Bradd completed the scoring

are well below full strength. However, Hilaire has recovered from a back injury and returns to the attack after missing three games. Fry replaces Barron in goal, Dare, aged 20, will make his first appearance for the first team as a central defender, partnering Nicholas, who moves from midfield. Coventry may try to plug defensive gaps by bringing back lones, who has played only two first team games this season.

Manchester United will be on

Manchester United will be on Mauchester United will be on trial before their own supporters against Tottenham Hotspur in another rearranged league march. United's manager, Dave Sexton, with only a Uefa Cup place main at, recalls Wilkins and McIroy to midfield, dropping Thomas and moving Duxbury to centre half. Tottenham have a doubt about Crooks, who has a knee injury, and Falco stands by. Tottenham are unbeaten in their law 10 sames. their last 10 games.

# Stockport can

Stockport 4 Torquay I
Stockport County scored their
first goals in five matches in
bearing Torquay United last night
before their lowest ever crowd of
1,421. All the goals came in the second half but it took a fifty-second minute penalty from Sword to end the Stockport

Wilkins named in European squad

Berne, Feb 16.—Ray Wilkins, of Manchester United, is the only British representative in the European squad of 16 to play Traily in Rome on February 25 in aid of the victims of last Novembers are thousand in continuous and the second state of the second s

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Football

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Rugby, League BAE help themselves to a

# Murphy back to face his old club By Richard Streeton seen by the Sports Council to be Work on a national training pulling ourselves up by our boot strings; we believe we have been setting a good example." The BAE's national fund raising

By Keith Macklin One of those draws which seem to have been made by a scheming fate takes Leigh to Salford in the second round of the Challenge Cup, sponsored by Three Fives, on Saturday week. Leigh are at present managed by the volatile Alex Murphy, who left Salford in November. Consequently it will be a cup tie and a half at The Willows, with extra piquancy being added by the fact that Kevin Ashcroft, who replaced Murphy as Salford coach, has played and coached with Murphy at Leigh and Warrington. One of those draws which seem

strings; we beneve we have been setting a good example."

The BAE's national fund raising campaign for the £45,000 they need towards the training hall (which has already been started) includes contributions from county associations, raising the national registration fee to 75p per player from the 20p imposed two years ago, and the raffling of a Mini Metro, which alone will raise £10,000. The car, which has been provided by British Leyland through Henlys, of London, will be driven onto the courts and raffled at Wembley at the end of next month's All-England championships. Answerling questions Mr Lamb said the BAE had about 130,000 affiliated players. "We are now looking into the question very thoroughly of how to get what you might term the 'missing million' to contribute." Warrington.
Another outstanding game brings together Widnes, who hit Doncuster for 50 on Sunday, and Castleford the attractive West Yorkshire side. Both teams have been tipped to go to Wembley, and although home advantage favours Widnes, Castleford will put up a tremendous fight in what looks potentially the most afractive open tie.

Warrington and Hell Finance

Meanwhile Indian officials last night were trying to contact Prakash Padukone, their All-England title holder, at his home in Copeniagen to try to persuade him to play for India against England at Stoke this evening (6.30). This is the third international of a five-match series, sponsored by Crest Hotels. India are already 2—0 down and feel that Prakash's help in singles and doubles could help them avoid defeat and keep the series alive. Prakash originally said that he did not wish to play until the fourth and fifth matches in Huddersfield on Thursday and Gloucester on Warrington and Hull Kingston Rovers, the two leading sides in the bookmakers lists, have been favoured by the draw. Although Warrington were given an unespectedly hard game at Bramley,
they can hardly he said to be
unduly extended by a visit to
Dewsbury, the second division
club. Indeed the portents so far are that Warrington are on their way to a third major trophy. Hull Kingston Rovers have drawn the free scoring second

Coaching films.

Ian McCallun, vice-chalrman of the Sports Council, said that he only wished others would follow the excellent example of the Badminton Association. We have been most impressed by the way this association have acted quickly. Their decisive efforts, their pianning, determination and drive have all been highly commendable." Mr McCallum, speaking in the presence of England's world doubles champions, Nora Perry and Jane Webster, said that he did not wish to play until the fourth and lifth matches in Huddersfield not wish to play until the fourth and lifth matches in Huddersfield not wish to play until the fourth and lifth matches in Huddersfield not wish to play until the fourth and lifth matches in Huddersfield not make the best facilities for the top players. The more champions you have the more encouragement it is to others, and the better the sport's standard will be in this country."

Larry Lamb, the BAE's chief executive, repeated the view that English sporting bodies had to do more than rely on the twin to provide an arch." for the crutches of sponsorship and Sports Council grants. "We have been highly commended the play to misse the more will be necessary. A special appliance will be pressured the view that the provide and archive of the injured ankle that has troubled him of a five-match series, sponsored by Crest Hotels. India are already 2—0 down and feel that Prakash originally said that he did not wish to play until the fourth and lifth matches in Huddersfield not the provide the series alive. Prakash originally said that he did not wish to play until the fourth and lifth matches in Huddersfield not wish to play until the fourth and lifth matches in Huddersfield not wish to play until the fourth and lifth matches in Huddersfield not wish to play to the series alive. Prakash originally said that he did not wish to play until the fourth division leaders, York, and with home advantage will expect to advance: into the last eight. However, York play good, open runby, and Rovers have proved vulnerable at home several times this season.

Another lively inter-county battle is at-St Helens, where Hull are the visitors. The other Humberside outfit are looking to reach Wembley for, the second successive year along with their rivals from across the river, and they will take heart from the fact they will take heart from the fact that St Helens were thoroughly unimpressive in winning at Huid-

Victory toold go either way in the all-first division games involving Oldham and Workington Town and Wakefield Trinity and Halifax. Both have a close look about them, but Featherstone Rovers, and the control of the c famous cup fighters, must fancy their chances of progress against Keighley of the second division. ORAW: Downbury v Warrington: Hull K.H. v Yark: St Holens v Rudi; Salford v Leigh: Oldham v Warrington; Widnes v Captiotord: Featherstone v Keighley: Wakefield v Halilax. The los De played on February 23 and March 1.

# Fate's hand takes World gathers under presidential banner

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
The President of the Welsh
Rugby. Union, Cliff Jones, has
gathered together an exciting combination to play for his XV against
Wales, in Cardiff on April 25, in
the last of the big matches celebrating their centenary season. Bill
Beaumont, captain of England and
the British Llons, leads a side
drawn from the seven remaining
contaries represented on the International Board. There are three
from New Zealand and two from
each of the others, who all supply
one reserve to maintain as nice a
balance as possible.
The New Zealand representatives
are Loveridge, at scrum balf,
Haden at lock and Shaw at flank
forward. Shaw had a magnificent
game in an outstanding loose for-

forward. Shaw had a magnificent game in an outstanding loose forward trio when the All Blacks beat Wales in November. No doubt he was invited after New Zealand's captain, Mourie, had declared himself unavailable. Louw, the Springbok, has been chosen at No 8, with Rives, the 'French captain, on the other flank.

Loveridge's partner at half back will be Mark. Ella, the brilliant young 'Australian who, with his two brothers, had the wires huming when touring here with their schools' side several years ago. Another Australian, Moon, who was here with Queensland in the autumn, will be on the right wing to give us a further forctaste of what we can expect from

By Rex. Bellamy
Squash Rackers Correspondent
The astonishing talent of Jahangir khan, aged 17, Illuminated an
absorbing final of the Prodorite
tournament at Edghaston last
evening. The Pakistani beat
Camal Awad 9-6, 9-4, 9-4, but
took 73 minutes to 60-17; because
although the bouncy liktle
Egyptian was slightly outclassed
the was never outplayed antil the
last game. In the women's final
Vicki Hoffmann (Australia), the
best player in the world, won
9-6, 9-5, 9-1 in 27 minutes
against Elizabeth Brown, 15th in
the British rankings, whose inexperience of such big occasions
made her a little excited and inconsistent.

consistent.

Jahangir is an engaging young
man whose court manners are, by
today's erratic standards, exemp-

longy's errant: standards, exemp-lary. In this and in other ways he is an exciting throwback to his great forebears, Hashim, Azam, and Jahangir's father, Roshan. Jahangir is playing as if the last 20 years never happened;

Squash rackets

the back play when the Wallables tour these islands next season.

It is a pleasant touch on the President's part to divite Bertrange to play inside Moon at came. The most bonoured of all French backs will equal Dauga's record of 50 caps for his country if he plays in their last two championship matches. The other half of the three-quarter line will be all Stotish, in the persons of irvine and Johnston, who played throughout the last championship and is now having to work hard to recapture his place in the centre from Robertson after recovering from a hamstring lajury.

At forward, where sadiy there is no place for the Irish captain. Slattery, the most capped of all flaukers, his commy supplies the two props. Ore and Fitspatrick. The hooker is Wheeler, who won the first of his 25 caps in 1975, just after Beaumout had first appeared in an England jersey. Still on matters pertaining to the principality, the promising stand-off half. Slater, who recently moved from Blackheath to London Welsh, has established himself so rapidly in new colours that his latest club has been able to move. Richard Owen, also highly regarded at fild Der Park, into the centre. Slater, who was born in a scarlet jersey when Lekester come to town on Saurday morning (11.30).

Recent ruferences to those few

Jahangir's brilliance looms over Hunt

as if, by some natural evolutionary process, it is inevitable that the game should be dominated by one inhibited in his factics. But when giving his all in forms of concentration, discretion and energy. Awad came back from 0-6 to 6-6 of those Pathans who came down from the mountains to play squash with British officers in the garri-sons of the North-West Frontier. in the first game and held on almost as long in the second. Then Jahangir won 12 points out of 13 They created some dazzling patterns, long rallies, and much competitive tension. This compensated for a woman's final in which Miss

sons of the North-West Frontier.

Geoff Hunt, the world champion, will be 34 when he defends, his Brilish title at Bromley in April. He has managed to keep the rest of the Pakistanis at bay, but Jahangir looks a more serious threat. He plays brilliantly as if there were no other way to do it, as if squash was the most natural form of expression. The maturity and facility of his game makes the difficulties of anticipation, court coverage, technical detterity, and tactical subtlety seem child's play. Jahangir's sudden variations in the pace and direction of his shots are disguised with such superb wrist work. Hoffman, tactically smart ad technically sound except for a few loose forehands, doggedly resisted two bold challenges. In the first two bold challenges. In the first game Mrs Brown recovered from 1—5-to lead 6—5 and in the second she led 5—0 (an impertinence punished by a series of relling drops). Mrs Brown played some admirable volleyed drops and never looked out of her depth except in terms of experience: Her nerves are not yet tuned to such occasions and sometimes this affected her game. But that was the only area in which Mrs Brown occasionally looked a little green. lahangir's ability to guide high volleys to that fach of wall above the nin was uncarny; Awad, 100, hit many winning nicks with his

Leading goalscorers

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Ski jumping

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Kugstonian v Lewes, Second division:
Harvich and Parkvaton v Barton Rovers
League Cup: Fourth round: Bishons
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OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Third
round: Senior Cup: Second
round: Pendon v Wealdstone
HOCKEY: Representative match:
Cambridge University v Army (at
Penners).

BADMINTON: England v Inde (at

## Two crews: likely to be in the shade

By Jim Railton
The Oxford University President, The Oxford University President, Chris Mahoney, will announce tomotrow his mine for the Boat Race on April 4 (1 pm), sponsored by Ladbrokes. Mahoney will be pleased to get this off his chest for the press has selected and announced his crew for him on two occasions at least this year. The main interest will not centre on the selected eight but the ninth seat, with the expected confirmation that Susan Brown, aged 22, will steer Oxford and become the first woman ever to compete in the Boat Race.

She showed, coxing Oxford over the weekend against London University, that she is very tough and she cut up London University, that she is very tough and she cut up London University at least once. She was also quick to close the door on her opponents.

Miss Rrown will be required to

on her opponents.

Miss Brown will be required to improve her Tideway etiquette in some of the duels that lie abead. It will be interesting to see her against the former London University coxwain. Jeffries, who will hold the rudder strings of the British lightweight eight in their flature against Oxford in two weeks' time.

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Willie Almand, a veteran sculler, was rowing innocently ahead of the two advancing eights and would have been ground down but for the London University cox torpedoing into Oxford's blades to avoid the sculler. Miss Brown should have given quarter but she did not and was cool throughout. Oxford were impressive and, as they should do at this time of the year, mastered London. They have an imposing line-up of mature oarsmen: Mahoney won an Olympic silver medal and he is backed by five resident Blues with no freshmen in the crew. In Bland, at stroke, Oxford have what appears to be an ungainly leader when the crew painly leader when the crew paddle. His long body produces



Mahoney: first with the latest,

pronounced crouch forward but the leverage is effective and, when they decide to race the rhythm is surprisingly smooth after only

two weeks.

Cambridge postponed a weekend's workout with the British lightweight eight at Ety with their stroke, Philips, sustaining a leg injury. At present three of Cambridge's Blues are in the bows of the boat with two Goldie oarsmen, Clark and Stephens, in the engine room. Somehow I suspect Cambridge will be content to keep a low profile for a while. In fact, if Miss Brown is selected for the Oxford crew, 16. Boat Race carsmen could be scheduled for back seats this year as far as the media seats this year as far as the media is concerned. Recent crews:

is concerned. Recent crews:

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Basketball

Palace

# Birmingham show that winning title is a snip

By Nicholas Harling . . . . . . . .

a carnival, Team Fiat Birmingham completed the formality of win-ning their first National League title on Saturday with their:

111-96 defeat of Stockport Belgrade, which meant that they
could not be caught by Crystal

There was never much danger that Stockport would produce the upset of this or any other season and deny the Birmingham club overdue triumph which watched by another record crowd in the Aston Vills sports complex of 2,462. That figure also represented the highest number of people to watch a first division

The only anxiety Stockport caused Birmingham supporters was when they reduced a 12-point deficit late in the second half. teams at half time but thereafter Stockport's only hope was to keep the score to respectable propordons. They succeeded in that aim with the help of 39 points from Martin, their outstanding marksman, who would have been nearer the 50-point mark had his accuracy not deserted him for a spell in the second half.

If Martin took the scoring honours. White, Birmingham's player-coach, was the most versatile player on court. He scored 30 points in addition to showing the responsibility and inspiration which were the reasons for his premotion by the club to a coaching weight of the coaching weight properties. ng position before the start of the season. For such a big man White also displays an abundance of balance and control which he uses to good effect on the occa-sions he brings the ball down

J. Stroeder. White's fellow American, scored 22 points and Samson collected another 14 on a anight when all but two of their players managed to score. In the best American tradition Birming-ban celebrated their triumph with the curious rirual of cutting the curious rirual of cutting the earing their general manager Bob Hope, to ponder on replacement baskets for Thursday's British Federation Cup match against the tame opponents.

Crystal Palace, whose title hopes

A women's European karate championship is to' be staged in championship is to' be staged in the proposed in the proposed in the stage announced their declision to stage the new champions which will include three weight categories: Less than 60kgs and over 18 years of age and wear ship. Hist and chest protectors.

Crystal Palace, whose title hopes

In an atmosphere more akin to match and Birmingham losing their last three, heat Talbot Guildford 119-79 but not even that overwhelming success could help them. They were without Byrd, who was resting his knee injury in the hope that he will be completely fit for the national champlonship lay-offs at Wembley in March, P. Stimpson assumed the ball-carrying duties and also finished as top scorer with 29, four points more than C. Hartley and five more than Roma.

The last two play-off places will be reserved for Ovaline Hemel. Hempstead and Sunderland. Hemel won much as they pleased, 99—77 against Kelly Girl Kingston to go to Wembley for the second year running but Sunderland will be there for the first time as a result of their 74—79 win over Doncaster. In the match at Kingston, Pember-In the match at Kins ton sank 34 points for Kingston but Pace (29) and Stewart (28) enjoyed greater support. Doncas-ter could tave taken their game into overtime but their loss of possession with 11 seconds left, enabled Macauley to sink the basket which means that the playoffs will go on for the first time without the Yorkshire club;

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#### Karate for women

Alliance steeplechase.

Little Owl's merit is continually being hotly debated. Those who have joined in the wholesale gamble rave about the limitless potential of Peter Easterby's seven-year-old and refer to the ease of his three victories this season. His detractors say that he has not yet beaten anything of much account and that the best of him may not be seen until the horse has gained more experience. Dickinson subscribes to the second school of thought and is looking forward with relish towards tackling Little Owl with Wayward Lad over two-and-a-half-miles.

A chance to get wise to Little Owl

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Easterby then outlined his plans for his other main Cheltenham

Today's meeting at Towcester was abandoned yesterday, but

SYATE OF GOING forficial: New-ton Abbot: Soft, Tomorrow: Wardrater: inspection 5.0 pm lodgy. Windor: inspection 11.0 nm lodgy.

#### New company seeks to exploit further the facilities of a versatile point-to-point course

# Drive for extra horse power at Tweseldown

Tweseldown, near Aldershot, has been in existence as a racecourse for over a hundred years, and is owned by the Ministry of Defence. A special stand (later demolished) was built to enable Queen Mary to watch in relative comfort when her eldest son, the Prince of Wales, rode at the two-day Army meeting there.

At that time the Queen must have had s splendid view of the racing, but between the wars the sappers conducted a military exercise which involved the erection of a huge mound in the middle of the course opposite the finish. This now totally obscures the back straight. Although there s. still a stand; most spectators prefer to watch from the mound, rushing round its summit so as to keep the horses in view—an excellent way of restoring the circulation in the kind of weather pointto-point enthusiasts have come to expect.

Tweseldown is the venue for six point-to-point meetings—the biggest number

run over any one course-for the Crookham horse trials to be held on March 13 and 14 this year, for horse shows, pony The Army recently decided to discontinue their responsibility for the racecourse, the lease of which, including the permanent buildings and other facilities, was put out to tender by the Property Services Agency. The successful bidders were a local group whose members are: Gny Luck, a Kempton Park steward; Philip Scouller, chairman of the Sandhurst point-to-point area; Sally Bullen, organizer of the Crookham Horse Trials; Mark Davies, a leading point-to-point rider; and Toby Ward, one-time master of the Sand-hurst and RMA Drag Hunt.

At a meeting at Heckfield Place last Sunday, attended by about 60 interested people, many of them well-known in the equestrian world; Mr. Luck took the chair to explain the current situation and what was envisaged for the future. The Tweseldown Racecourse Company Limited, has been formed, to which the 21-year lease has been granted.

Mr Luck said that he and his colleagues felt sure the venture could and should be run to show a profit. He added that although the company was already ade-quately financed to continue Tweseldown's scheduled activities, they intended to raise extra capital so as to be able to stage-more horse shows and other events, and thus exploit the facilities more fully. Shares of £100 were being offered, and a minimum investment of £200 was

Graham Pidgeon said that the Point to Point Owners Association which he was representing, would certainly wish to take a stake in the company. John Sharman-Courtney told me afterwards that he ex-pected the Royal Naval Equestrian Association to do the same.

Mr. Scouller, pointed out that the Tweseldown fences, which had become increasingly soft, had been beautifully rebuilt for the Army this year, and now resembled the regulation fences at minor National Hunt courses such as Foutwell Park. Ar least one permanent groundsman would be employed to maintain the course ensure security, and guard against

The Tweseldown Club is to be re-formed. The membership fee will entitle the memseparate fee will be charged for schooling over fences. In conclusion, Mr Luck said that Tweseldown, with its facilities for so many different events and its scope for becoming an equestrian centre of note, was highly likely to attract a notable sponsor. An overall sponsor would be the most welcome, but separate sponsorship of individual events was also a possibility.

As a tailpiece I should like to acknow-ledge a long-standing personal debt to ledge a long-standing personal debt to Tweseldown. In my last term at Sandhurst, having put down the Black Watch as, my first choice of regiment, I was invited by Bernard. Fergusson (the late Lord Ballantrae) on behalf of General Wavell, whose ADC he then was to join the General's party at one of the Tweseldown point-to-points. Their object was to take a critical look at this gangling cadet, with a far from brilliant Sandhurst, record, and decide whether he could conceivably, be decide whether be could conceivably b considered for a commission in their famous regiment.

The General, with his craggy features eye glass, and complete lack of small talk would have been a formidable figure had t not been for his innate kindness, which I somehow sensed. By a little gentle prob-ing be gleaned that I was a keen follower point-to-point form and told me to mark

My guardian angel must have guided my trembling pencil, for I tipped the great man four winners out of five. A few weeks later. I learned to my great joy, that I had been gazetted into the oldest Highland Regiment.

Ian Reid

#### Newton Abbot programme







3.15 SADDLE TOR HURDLE (Handicap: £1,641: 23m)

# 3.45 RIPPON TOR CHASE (Novices: £2,240: 3{m) G. McCowri Mus S. Waterman John Williams B. Wright P. Champion S. Cargeen 7 2.45 HOUND TOR OPPORTUNITY HURDLE (Selling handicap: 4.15 CHINKWELL TOR HURDLE (Div II: novices: £703: 2m 1f) Peacotic River (CD), R. Pintombe, 6-11-7 ... M. Aylife T Abrit Stan, W. Evans, 6-11-0 ... Mr B. Eckley A Cassier, L. Nierson, 8-11-0 ... Mr B. Eckley A Cassier, L. Nierson, 8-11-0 ... Mr Beter Hobbs Clovering, R. Dunn, 5-11-0 ... P. Hobbs Old Kancker, D. Laim, 5-11-0 ... R. Mooney Prince Milborne, J. Thorne, 5-11-0 ... R. Hoarr Riverbod, R. Dunn, 7-11-0 ... R. Hoarr Riverbod, R. Bunn, 7-11-0 ... J. Sampson 7 Serpress, R. Kemor, 5-11-0 ... J. Sampson 7 Serpress, R. Kemor, R. K



Newton Abbot selections

By Michael Seely 1.45 Intiato. 2.15 Hopeful Answer. 2.45 Cozmoore Sweaters. 3.15 Go Gently. 3.45 Special Cargo. 4.15 Old Knocker.

Angling

# Salmon are reprieved in the cause of conservation

Weather

By Conrad Voss Bark.

After two and a half years of effort, culminating in a public enquiry, the threatened salmon stocks of the Taw and Torridge may have been given a reprieve. Netting and spinning for salmon in these two North Devon rivers is to be considerably reduced this season with the aim of allowing an additional 500 salmon to get up to the spawning grounds in the headwaters so that stocks can be built up again.

Conservation takes a long time. It was in 1978 that the North Devon fisheries officer. Stuart Bay, noting a marked decline in salmon parr (the newly-hatched

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reduced and there will be further servation package " is regarded generally as being a pretty tough that can be used.

One that will forme at an armonic party tough that can be used. one that will serve as an example Anglers are also involved in and set our guidelines to other Anglers are also involved in what is called "the conservation package". A new byelaw will prohibit the use of spinuers—artiminnows, spooms, and similar minnows, spooms, and similar methods of salmon to restore the level of stocks was overwhelmingly rejected after a scientific stocky of after a scientific stocky of the regional director, Gordon Bielby. On the scale that artificial proparation in their waters to observe a would need a hawhery the salmon to be taken by any one angler in any one week.

The Taw and Torridge "conigreed to my to get all anglers on their waters to observe it would be absurdly expensive and would need a hatchery the size of a small town. Restriction of catches was found to be the only may be taken by any one of catches was found to be the only way in which the salmon stocks could be preserved.

Table tennis

# Hilton severely treated in new world rankings

By Richard Streeton By Richard Streeton
John Hilton, Englaud's Enropean champion; has been demoted
from fifth to twenty-eighth place
in new world ranking lists Issued
today by the International Table
Tennis Federation. Desmond
Douglas has retained eleventh
place in the men's list and Jill
Hammersley keeps her eighth
ranking in the women's list and is
the highest placed European the highest placed European woman. These are the only Euglish players ranked in the 35 places given to men players and the 21

given to men players and the and for women.

Hitton's hig drop-is almost unprecedented at this level and means he will not be seeded at the world championships in Nord Sad, Yugoslavia, is April. The top 16 men and women in the lists would usually be seeded if they entered. Although Hilton has had some disappointing results lately, he has been severely treated. Hilton finished last with only one

win out of 11 merches in the recent European Top 12 event but he has still won six of his 12 singles in helping England to the top of the European League this season.



Ronoidlu, Feb 16:-Hale lrwin

#### Disappointment | Mrs Carner for Faldo, Irwin's record

Snished with a birdie and an eagle yesterday to set a tourna-ment record of 255, 23 under par, and win the Hawalian Open tour-nament by six shots from Don January. The victory, the 12th of from's tour career, was worth \$58,500. He. finished with a 59, three under par, to break the record of 266 that was set a year ago by Andy Bean

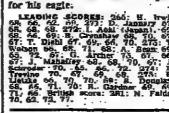
January, aged 51, recorded a final round of 68 for his 271 and earned 525,100. Ben Crenshaw, Terry Diehl and Isao Aoki (Japan) tied for third at 272.

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Nicholas Faldo, of Britain, who led after his second round 62, had a bad day with a five-over-par 77 and finished in a tie for 40th at 281, seven under par. He had required a finish among the top 15 and prize money of at least \$6,300 to ensure exemption from pre-qualifying tournaments on the forthcoming American tour. A misunderstanding over the relephone led to an indication in yesterday's later editions that he had achieved the necessary status, which he had the necessary status, which be had

not.

Irwin had a birdie on the 17th hole after a five iron to within 6ft. At the 539-yard 18th hole he hit a driver and three wood to within 25 feet and made the putt for his eagle:

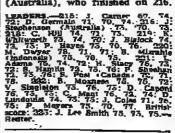


Tennis

keeps the holder at bay St Petersburg, Florida, Feb 16.-

Joanne Carner defeated Dot Germain on the first hole of a Germain on the first hole of a sudden death play-off to win the \$100,000 tournament here yesterday. They had completed three rounds in 215, one under par. Mrs. Carner's victory came a week after losing a similar play-off to Sally Little in Miami. She lost a stroke on the 17th and watched Miss. Germain, the defending champion, achieve a birdie at the 18th to force the play-off. But 18th to force the play-off. But Miss Germain was one over par at the first play-off hole and Mrs Carper achieved par to gain the victory.

"I enjoy playing in Florida", Mrs Carner said. She is the tour's leading money-winner with \$27,500 and the only golfer to flush in the top 10 in the first three Ladles' Professional Golf Association events of 1981. Miss Germain was followed home by Jan Stephenson (Australia), who finished on 216.



#### Mrs Bonallack defends

The Curtis Cup golfer, Angela Bonallack, will defend her ritle in the Roehampton Gold Cup tournament on Friday, March 13. Her challengers include the former winners, Belle Robertson, Angela Uzielli and Carole Caldwell. None of Britain's professionals has so far entered for the event.

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Queen's Bench Division ....

# Youths under 17 cannot be forced to be bound over

Veater v Glennon Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, and Mr Justice Lloyd By virtue of section 19(1) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act. 1973, which prevents sentences of imprisonment being imposed upon persons under 17 years of age, justices have no power to imprison juveniles who refuse to be bound over to keep the peace, nor can justices unilaterally impose an obligation to be bound over.

Accordingly, the Divisional

unitaterally impose an obligation to be bound over.

Accordingly, the Divisional Court dismissed an appeal, by case stated, by the prosecutor from the decision of Bristol justices on July 31, 1930, releasing six defendants, aged 14 and 15 years, after they had refused to be bound over to keep the peace for one year in the sum of £100 each.

Mr James Black, QC, and Mr Ian Glen for the prosecutor; Mr Ian Bullock for the defendants.

The, LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the six defendants were arrested in Park Road, Stapleton, Bristol, after reports of disorderly behaviour. Two were carrying sticks and a third was wearing a stocking mask, The six defendants made statements admitting that they had been on an expedition with the object of assaulting pupils at a neighbour, ing school but had not been able to find them. The police preferred complaints against them that they were behaving in a manner wherely a breach of the Deace complaints against them that they were behaving in a manner whereby a breach of the peace was likely to be occasioned, contrary to common law.

The facts were admirted before the justices, who were minded to bind over each of the defendants and the bind over each of the defendants.

in his own recognizance of f163 to keep the peace for one year. But each refused to be bound over. After legal argument the justices took the view that they could not. in law, impose a binding over order unilaterally and that each defendant had to acknowledge his indebtuedness in the autount fixed. After the defendants had refused to acknowledge their in-

refused to acknowledge their indebredness a second time, the
justices felt that they had no sanction to secure compliance with
their order and that they had no
trernative but to let the defendants go. Were they right?

Mr. Black, for the prosecutor,
contended that the justices were
entitled to send the defendants
to prison until they agreed to be
bound and that the justices could
impose a binding over order unilaterally. Such an order would
have bad the same effect as if the
defendants had acknowledged their
indebtedness and entered foro their
own recognizance in the amount yen recognizance in the amount

fixed.

By section 91(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1952, a magistrates' court had power, on complaints, to order a person to enter into a recognizance, with or without sureties, to keep the peace or be of good behaviour. If the person failed or refused to comple with the order then by section ply with the order, then by section \$1(3) the court might commit him to prison for a period not exceedding six months, or less if he

The power under section 91 had to be distinguished from the somewhat similar power under the Justices of the Peace Act, 1361, which was exercisable by a single justice, not by reason of any offence having been committed, offence naving been committed, but as a measure of preventive, justice where the person's conduct was such as to lead the justice to suspect that there might be a breach of the peace, or that he might misbehave. The sanction in the case of a failure or a refusal to enter into a recognizance under the 1361 Act was also imprison-

ment.

By the Powers of Criminal
Courts Act, 1973, section 19(1)
Parliament provided that neither
the Crown Court nor a magistrates' court should impose
imprisonment on a person under17. Subsection (4) said that "Impose imprisonment" meant
pass a sentence of imprisonment
or commit to prison in default
of payment of my sum of money,
or for want of sufficient distress
to satisfy any sum of money, or for failure to do or abstain from doing anything required to be done or left undone."

son under 17 who failed to enter into a recognizance when required. Mr Black submitted that that was not so. He said that the power of justices under the 1361 Act were part of their civil jurisdiction, they had been left intact by subsequent criminal legislation including section 19 of the 1973 Act, and Parliament could not have intended to take away from justices their only sanction under

justices their only sanction under the 1361 Act. Their Lordships could not accept the 1361 Act.

Their Lordships could not accept that argument. Even if one assumed that the power of justices to bind over under the 1367 Act was part of their civil and not their criminal jurisdiction, the prohibition on imprisonment of persons under 17 would still apply. The language of section 19(1) was clear, comprehensive and imperative. There was no reason to suppose that Parliament intended to make an exception in the case of the justices' civil jurisdiction, it would be an odd result if, in the case of persons under 17. Parliament had intended to take away the power to commit under section 91 of the Magistrates' Courts Act where an offence had actually been committed, but had left unaffected the power to commit under the 1361. Act where nu offence had been committed. There was nothing in section 19 of the 1973 Act or anywhere else, which made it inapplicable to the power of Justices to commit under the 1361 Act.

The justices had no power to impose a sentence of imprisonment for failure or refusal to enter-time.

The justices had no power to imprisonment for failure or trefusal to enter-into a recognizance in the case of persons under tr, and it was common ground that the justices had no power to impose any other custodial sentence.

We're the justices cutilled to impose a binding over order unilaterally?

At first sight there was much to he said for the view that an

to he said for there was much to he said for the view that an order that a person be bound over to keep the peace or to be of good behaviour was like any other order imposed by a court. To suggest that such an order required consent before it was effective was: almost a contradiction in terms.
Moreover, a consent which could be compelled, in the case of a person over 17, by the threat of imprisonment, was hardly the sort of consent which, in other circumstances, the court would look upon with favour.

stances, the court would look upon with favour.

But having regard to the history of the matter, the essence of a binding over, was that the person bound over seknowledged his indebtedness to the Queen, and thereby became hound in the sum fixed by the court, and the court could not force such an acknowledgment upon a person behind his back, or treat him as being hound when he was not. The court's only remidy where a person refused to acknowledge his indebtedness was to put him in indebtedness was to put him in prison until he did. There was nothing in the books which suggested that justices had

which suggested that justices had any power to impose an obligation to be bound, except, indirectly, by threatening imprisonment. If they had such a power, it was strange that the much more drastic sanc-tion of imprisonment should have become so firmly rooted in the law at such an early stage. The form of recognizance into which a person was required to enter had remained in substantially the same language for centuries. By that language the person acknowledged that he was indebted to the Queen in the sum fixed. It was now far too late to argue that the acknowledgment could be treated as a mere formality which could be dispensed with when occasion demanded. Acknowledgment of the indebtedness was an essential ingredient in the binding overprocess. law at such an early stage. The process.

The justices had reached the right conclusion in law and the appeal would accordingly be dis-

Clearly the law was in en unsatisfactory state. Justices should not be left powerless as Solicitors: Blyth, Dutton, Holloway for Mr R. O. M. Lovibond, Bristol; Gerald Davey & Co, Bristol.

# Closing order no bar to fair rent

The Court of Appeal said that a rent officer or rent assessment committee was, not obliged to register a mi or nominal fair rent by reason of the fact that a closing order had been made on the premises under section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.

Housing Act, 1957.

The court dismissed an appeal by Mr Isaac Williams and Mrs Lucille Williams, former tenants of a house in Small. Heath, Birmingham, from the dismissal by Mr Justice Stocker (The Times, April 12, 1980) of the tenants' appeal from a decision of a reur assessment committee of the West Midlands Rent Assessment Panel determining, on appeal from a reur officer, that the fair rent payable to Mr Mamir Khan, the landlord, was £5.75 a week.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD said LORD JUSTICE ORMROD said

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD said that the tenants applied to the rent officer to register a fair rent in December, 1977. In March, 1978, the local authority housing committee resolved to make a closing order on the house. In April, after consultation on the premises, the rent officer registered a fair rent of f6:13 a week, with effect from the date of application. The tenants appealed, and shortly afterwards the closing order was made, to come into operation on May 13. On July 12 the rent assessment committee reduced the fair rent to 55.75, but otherwise confirmed the rent reduced the fair rent to 55.75, but otherwise confirmed the rent officer's decision, and on the same day the tenants were rehoused. Section 4 of the Housing Act. 1957, gave a list of the matters relevant to determining whether a house was unfit for human habitation, and the power to make a closing order was in section 17(1). Section 70 of the Rent Act, 1977,

contained a different set of criteria to be regarded in determining a fair rent. The case therefore concerned two distinct pieces of legislation that had not been linked together.

It was conceded that when the rent officer made his assessment in April, 1978, before the closing order came into operation, he was not obliged to follow the view of the local authority that the house was unfit for human

view of the local authority that the house was unfir for human habitation. He could come to his own conclusion, applying the principles in section 70 of the 1977 Act.

What effect, if any, did the coming into effect of the closing order have on the assessment? Exercising their discretion as to when the assessment was to come into effect, the committee chose the date of application. They were therefore bound to take into account the fact that the house was lawfully occupied up to May 13. The court had been told that that discretion had now been removed by the Housing Act 1980: the fair rent had to operate from moved by the Housing Act 1980: the fair rent had to operate from the date of determination. His Lordship could see no legal provision requiring the committee to fix the rent at ni in view of the closing order. Exactly the same reasoning as in Black v Oliver (1976) QB 870) was applicable to the case. The closing order was only one factor to take into consideration, albeit an important one. The question whether the landlord could enforce the payment of lord could enforce the payment of rent after the closing order had been made was not before the court. The committee had made no error in law or left out of account any material consideration, and the appeal should be dis-Lord Justice Griffiths agreed.

# Forget the cases

Sharpe y Sharpe Starpe y Snarpe
A court should be able to come
to a decision on financial provision
after divorce by applying section
25 of the Marrimonial Causes Act,
1973; without looking at the
reported cases, Lord Justice
Ormrod said in the Court of
Appeal.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was often said that the Court of Appeal was inconsistent when considering family finances. Each family was unique, and often decisions decided on different

facts or even similar facts, were not always helpful. Sometimes a Mesher-type order was appro-priate, but again on very similar facts such an order might not he appropriate. The judge had to go through the exercise of section 25. There was no need to look at the

reported cases.

His Lordship, who was diting with Lord Justice Griffiths and Mr Justice Purchas, was sving judgment in an appeal by a wife relating to the former matrimonial

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refer to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources; Lamonis Cium Deus Alpes Menunes

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#### Bernard Levin

# Charlie Chan's yellow peril

story of the row that was grow. For the creatures who run teleing around a film being made the United States, in which I took a warm interest because the director, Clive Donner, is my cousin and also a friend from childhood to the present day and far beyond. The film, starring Peter Ustinov, has now been made, under the title Charlie Chan and we Curse of the Dragon Woman: it does indeed constitute, as the name implies a revival of the famous pre-war fictional detective. If you are too young to remember Charlie Chan from the first time round, I must tell you that the hero (of a long series of films and, later, television dramas) was a Chinese, and therefore much given to beginning sentences "Confucius he say.". Much more impercant, however, is the fact that the character was always portrayed as infinitely sagacious and invariably successful, and—mark these words, please, and mark them well—the reason he was so clever and always defeated the villains was precisely that he was Chinese: while whitey stumbled helplessly in the rear, make it clear that they don't Charlie Chan was demonstrating the superiority of Chinese brains and culture.

I have a sad feeling that, even if you did not read my earlier column on the subject, you know what is coming now. Before a foot of the film had been shot, the Rentamobsters were out, ululating about racist stereotypes and organizing the intimidation of anyone acceptance with the film in essociated with the film; in San Francisco ta city which used to be a very definition of tolerance, but has clearly been noterance, but has clearly been as corrupted and terrorized as New York itself by the groups which will allow no tolerance to anyone but themselves), shooting was hindered, the company making the film was appearanced with representation. threatened with reprisals, and pressure was brought against distributors and others whose cooperation was essential.

Clive kept his nerve; so did the film company, a firm called American Cinema; so did Peter Ustinov and the other players (they include Angle Dickinson, Lee Grant and Roddy McDowell, and also Rachel Roberts, who, sadly, died shortly after it was

> The creatures who run television in . America have raised cowardice to the Status el an art form

finished). It opened in Los Angelos last week to a great deal more ululation from the trouble earlier, together with some extra ones, no doubt Invented specially for the occasion. There are "Chinese for Affirmative Action", for instance, and the "Association

Asian-American Artists " character whose chief function to he wiser and more successful than anyone else is "a racist and degrading stereotype", and that the film is engaged on "robbing Asian-Americans of dignity, pride and human qualities"

Peter Ustinov has not only kept his nerve; he has carried the fight to the enemy, describing the pressure groups (there is not the slightest reason to suppose that most Chinese-Americans want to be represented by these people, or feel any of the things so confidently ascribed to them by the Rentamobsters) as "predators making unsafe the waters in which we all want to bathe "the waters being, of course, those of freedom.

But Mr Ustinov has also said that he is "appalled at the cowardice displayed by those who run American television", and there is much significance in the remark. For the censors and intimidators have been threatening to picket and othertion that accepts and shows advertisements for the film, and all but one, it scems, have capitulated to the blackmailers. Note that Mr Ustinov said he was "appalled" by their cowardice; he did not say he was "surprised", and he would have shown himself as quite to Times Newspapers Limited, 1981 | Africa

vision in America have raised cowardice to the status of an art-form, and can count themselves very Rembrandis, Shake-speares, and Beethovens of poltroonery. Indeed, with the single exception of the Federal Communications Commission itself, the statutory body tequivalent to the IBA and the Board of Governors of the BBC)

set up to oversee the American television industry, it is probable that no more entirely funkridden, creepy-crawly, battle-scared, craven, faint-hearted, chicken-livered, spunkless, yellow-bellied, recreant gaggle of wee, sleekit, cow rin, rimorous beasties than the men who run American television have ever been gathered together on the face of the earth, and the only comment it will occur to them to make on the foregoing cata-logue of appropriate adjectives is that I should have said "the, men and women who run American television", because they are also afraid that some militant feminist will complain that they acquiesce in my sexist" language unless they

One of the officials of the film company, Mr Richard Lederer, has now said something that is of particular in-terest to me; he claims that the suppressors and banners and intimidators are "practising censorship and violating the company's right to free speech". So indeed they are, but the reason that I find it especially encouraging to know that the film company are thinking along these lives is that in my earlier column on the subject I suggested that they should investigate the possibility of taking action against the mob-leaders under the Civil and Langwith in Derbyshire. the mob-leaders under the Civil Rights legislation, which as I read it certainly gives them the opportunity to claim heavy damages on the ground that the censors are violating the com-pany's right to the protection of the First Amendment, the

one guaranteeing freedom of

speech:

And yet the saddest aspect of this affair is what it implies for the present State of the Union. How can it be that in so short a time that great nation has surrendered so many parts of its liberty to so many groups of fanatics, mostly representing no one but themselves? Newspapers and books—nay, the very dictionaries—are searched and filtered and selections of the searched and filtered and the searched and selections but by filleted, not by censors but by those who, though they should be resisting censorship, are willingly doing the censors' work for them. Films and tele-vision are likewise subject to shuse, harassmear and black-mail for saving anything that could be construed, by the hypocritical, the malignant and the totalitarian, as in some way

some way in need of protectly a new protection-racket indeed. In Universities there are now committees charged with scrutinizing research-projects lest these might lead to discoveries unpleasing to the new tyrauts, for instance that there may be a correlation between race and intelligence. In some areas (such as anywhere within earshot of Mr John Dean) it is unsafe to pass, even privately, an unguarded word, lest among those who hear it should be one who will aip off and sell

offensive to any group of people who can be presented as in

it to the newspapers.

Is it come to this? Has the most receptive, exploring, innovative, experimental, untram-melled, open-hearted nation in the world surned itself, or ar least begun to turn itself, into a land of men so terrorized by the new authoritarians, who have by their hare ridden in-tolerance befouled the very name of liberalism, that if any one in their vicinity should idly blow up a paper bag and ourst it, they are instantly willing, without further orders, to ply the Sultan's knife on their

n privates? I hope not, I hope that that tide will soon turn, and carry far out to sea with it the new and more terrible army of ban-ners. I hope American Cinema, Inc. will stand firm, and that Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Woman will be a huge success.

# Miners v. Tories: the supreme test that faces Mrs Thatcher

Board's plan to shut their pit, but they have stirred uneasy memories of the early Seventies and forebodings about the future. Are the coalfields about to come to a balt? And if the miners strike, where will it

All the signs point towards fairly rapid slide into an unofficial strike covering most of the major coalfields that could then be formalized in a secret pithead, ballot once the miners have got the bit between their It could be a long teerh. struggle, with no certainty of success. But leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers sense there is no alternative.

It is not widely enough known that the NUM has negotiatedrelatively peacefully—the clo-sure of 40 pits since the strike of 1974 which was largely blamed for the fall of the last Conservative administration. Shutdowns have proceded apace through the industry's colliery review, procedure, which is designed to secure an orderly rundown of pits nearing the end of their natural life.

The NUM has always accepted The NUM has always accepted that in an extractive industry such as coalmining there must be closures. By the very nature of things, pits run out of coal. Of late, however, there have been spasmodic but growing signs of a revolt against this form of industrial euthanasia. In the 18 months since the unhappy saga of Deep Duffryn pir, which they said should stay open hut eventually closed, the South Wales miners have opted our of the review procedure. Elsewhere, ballots were held to All they demonstrated was that

Grootfontein, Namibia
After a visit to Namibia's
northern border it is not hard
to understand why South
Africa turned its back on the

proposed United Nations settle-ment plan for Namibia during last month's conference in.

event of a unsupervised clec-

Certainly the South Africans

Seem confident enough as they chat over sundawners in the

camps which have been estab-lished throughout the length of

the "operational area". And the camps themselves have a

look of permanency about them. They are bigger, better

tion being held.

Geneva.

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the men are unwilling to strike if their own interests are not directly affected.
Then things began to change,

Perhaps the men of Coegnant After conceding a number of did not realize it when they voted to strike over the Coal Arthur Scargill, left-wing area area of the NIM. his on Arthur Scargill, left-wing area president of the NUM, his on the idea of a vote on the principle of industrial action against the shutdown programme that everybody in the industry knew was coming. The men returned an 86 per cent vote for action.

That was on the eve of the Coal Board's presentation to the mining unions, and the boulder, set rolling in Yorkshire is now picking up momentum in the most unlikely places.

Pitmen's delegates in Durham are orging a strike against the shutdown of four pits in the coalfield, and there are militant noises in the Midlands. Even in Nottinghamshire, the heartland of pit moderation, the area president, Mr Ray Chadburn, is arguing that the impending closure of New Hucknall colliery could be the flashpoint of industrial action. And that is a pir that the area had already agreed to shut.

A national miners' strike

A national miners' strike could be the supreme test of Mrs Thatcher's resolve: It will certainly be a major test of Mr. James Prior's labour law reforms aimed at curbing the power of pickets, and if it goes on for a long time it could cause serious economic difficulties, large coal stocks or no. It is not possible to discuss It is not possible to discuss the impact of a miners' strike without considering the political dimensions. Not possible, be-cause the militants immediately raise the possibility, in the Marxist jargon, of "creating the conditions to bring about an early general election leading to the return of a Labout government pledged to socialist policies." Both Mr Scargill and Mr McGabey, communist leader of the Scots pitmen, have voiced the Tory faithful.

Id fact, this Government is not about to repeat the mis-takes of the Heath administra-



Mr Joe Gormley: who will be the next champion?

tion and much of the politicking is designed for internal con-sumption. There are elections pending at branch level and the whole union is gradually being cranked up into an electoral this prespect already, and it frenzy over the succession to frightens some of the NUM Mr Joe Gormley, who is due to moderates as much as it does, retire as, national president. Accordingly, there is competition to see who can be the most vociferous champion of the miner's right to work.

This verbal willingness to take a hard line will-be tried when the picketing gets under way. In the past two strikes it was picketing-particularly of power stations—that negated the value of large coal stocks and won the day. Under the 1930 Employment Act, picketing is now restricted to a trade unionist's place of work.

Sympathetic industrial action

tomers and suppliers of the National Coal Board, and it must be shown that the princip particularly in South Wales. pal purpose of such action is to interfere with the supply of goods, and that such action is reasonably likely" to achieve

that purpose. The Government takes the view that miners who picket anywhere but their own colliery on imports and operating subwill be acting contrary to the law, and will as individuals become liable for damages in the High Court if the Coal Board or the Central Electricity Generating Board take out an action. That is, if the culprits can actually be identified and the ministry's spokesmen are understandably shy about predicting what would happen if the miners refused to pay such damages:

The legal situation of sympathetic power workers is much more complex, and would have to be tested in court. On the face of things, they could legi-timately plead immunity for action involving the " blacking" of coal supplies.

But if picketing on this scale does easue, will Mrs Thatcher be tempted once again, as she was during the steel strike a was during the steel strike a short, sharp Bill to curtail trade union powers still further? On that occasion the Prime Minister was disquaded from precipitate legislation. It scenes reminis-cent of 1972 appear on our television screens, will she be able to resist the temptation a second time?

These are considerations that arise beyond the immediate repercussions of a nuner strike. However, the Coal-Board will strive to keep public attention fixed on its basic eco-nomic premise: that 10 million tonnes of capacity should be closed so as to bring rising butput into line with falling demand. The industry cannot continue to pur eight million

s likewise limited to first cus- cost of such stocks is a huge burden, and the NCB is running out of space to dump the coal,

For their part, the miners will argue that it is "the economics of the madhouse" to import eight million tonnes of coal a year, even if it is cheap, while closing down mines in Britain. They want a ban sidies of the kind paid else-

where in Europc. However, the Government has deliberately boxed itself into the commercial constraints of the 1980 Coal Industry Act, which lays down that operating subsidies, far from being in-creased, should be phased out altogether over the next three years. The Cabinet will not entertain a ban on imports, and the only loophole left is the Acr's provision for increased "social payments" such as redundancy money and generous schemes for early retirement.

This strategy has succeeded to a large degree in the steel industry, though at a cost of hundreds of millions of pounds in redundancy payments. It has succeeded elsewhere in industry, too, because the temptation of a large lump sum of money is an irresistible enticement to many workers. At present, the miners are saying that no amount of money will get them to sell jobs.

They applauded Mr Peter Heathfield, the Derbyshire area leader, at last week's London rally when he insisted that this generation of miners had no right to disinherit the next generation. The miners stand at the end of a long line of workers who have done just that. If the delibitating effect of the pieces of silver is to be resisted, they will have to draw deeply on their reserves of communal self-reliance and their traditions of sticking together.

> Paul Routledge · Labour Editor

# Is confidence enough to win the war in Namibia?

A tour of South African (SWATF) military bases in the "operational Area," along Namibia's detachment border with Angola and Zam-"ethnic" opera alongside South African, amibia's detachments, In some areas the bia which the South African ing Ovamous Kavangos, Capridefence forces organized for vians and Bushnen—make up foreign correspondents last over half the total South Afriweek, left two clear impresson military pressure.

The first was that the South South African confidence is based on the sorts of statistics fricans believe they have got which all conventional forces be South West African Paoples. Africans believe they have got Africans believe they have got the South West Africa People's organization (Swapo) on the run. The prevailing view among senior officers is that, given time, they will be able to neutralize the military influence of Swapo in Ovamboland, where the bulk of the fighting is taking place, in the same way as they have successed in driving Swapo from the South African Defence Force and the same way as they have successed in driving Swapo from the South African 20 to one in the South African 20 to o the South Africans' favour. ceeded in driving Swapo from the other tribal regions in the He said that between Janu-

ary 1978 and the end of last The second was that South year 3,343 members of the People's Liberation Army of Nami-bia (PLAN), which is the mili-tary wing of Swapo, had been killed. About 1,400 of them African military chiefs seem convinced that the proposal contained in the United Nations settlement plan) to establish a demilitarized zone along the 700-mile northern died last year. This is an extremely heavy toll for an army whose total numbers are put at border would be tantamount to handing the entire area over to Swapo. As more than 60 per cent of Namibia's one million between 6,000 and 8,000. By contrast the total security inhabitants live within the area of the proposed DMZ, the milito ?2 (including, those killed in accidents). they believe that the bulk of them could be "intimidated" into supporting Swapo in the

Senior military officers maintain that the more aggressive tactics adopted by the defence force during the past few months-with cross-border raids into southern Angola now a regular occurrence—has. operational bases Angola. As a result their lines communications are overstretched and it has become easier for the South Africans to intercept groups of insur-gents as they make their way through the bush towards the Angolan Namibian border.

fortified and better equipped than they were when I preman mey were when I pre-viously visited the area. The very low now because many of their fighters are short of food number of military vehicles one sees has also substantially increased. So too have the ranks of the and supplies." Colonel Leon Martins, who is in charge of eight ethnic battalions of what is known as the South West Africa Territory Force the eastern-central sector of "They also have their own in-

which are fighting ternal problems and are meeting increasing hostility from Angola." population

There can be no denying that the South Africans have scored some impressive suc-cesses, in the Caprivi Strip, Kavangoland (situated between Caprivi and Ovamboland) and the western coastal region of Kaokaland. For example, there has not been a serious incident and no civilians have been killed in Caprivi since August, 1978, when the base at Katima deputy chief in Mulilo came under mortar and New York, said rocket fire from the Zambian back because it side of the Zambezi River. Nor anti-Caprivian have there been any serious displayed by incidents in Kavangoland since mid-1979 when some Swapo in-surgents were killed while returning from raids on white farmers further south.

The South African success in Caprivi has been particularly striking. Once the region used to be one of the main areas of Swapo operations and was used as an infiltration route into Namibia from Zambia and

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Caprivian members of Swapo (former supporters of the (former supporters of the Caprivl African National Caprivi African National Union—CANU) have begun-returning to the region and giving themselves up to the authorities. ' uthorities."
At least 87 have come back

At least 87 have come back since last November, following the ousting of Mr. Misbak Muyongo (a Caprivian) as vice-president of Swapo. One of the returnees, Mr Ben Maguko; formerly Swapo's deputy chief representative in New York; said they had come back because they resented the back because they resented the discrimination displayed by the Ovambo majority in Swapo and because they wanted to reestablish CANU as a political party in Caprivi.

The South Africans, have backed their military operations in these areas with a pro-gramme of "civic action", under which national service 'men are assigned to help in hospitals, schools: and social projects. The purpose of "civic

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however, action" is, in the words of of Swapo commandant Dirk Du Toit, to of the "win over the hearts and National minds of the local inhabitants. and to create a positive atti-tude towards the South African defence force" Quoting from Man Tse-tung

(whose works are banned in South Africa), he added that wars begin in the minds of men, and it is in the minds of men that beace must be built ". The "clvic action" programme has achieved some

Swape ' predominantly Ovambo organization and it is probable that a majority of Ovambos would support Swapu in a free and fair election. When Swapo's insurgents move into Ovamboland they are effectively operating on "home ground". Few Ovambos are likely to be wholed into supporting the South African pre-sence in the territory even though over 200 Ovambo civilians were killed by Swapo last year (over half of them in

land mine incidents). in Ovamboland during he past, pulls out." General Lloyd was few months as a result of equally sceptical about the proalmost continuous cross-border raids by the South Africans. However they continue to plant landmines almost at will slong the road which leads from the main South African base at Grootfontein to the Ovambo heartland. Swapo also regularly succeeds in blowing up the power line connecting the huge hydro-electric com-plex at Ruscans with the main industrial centres in the South. A rocket attack two weeks ago against the South African have at Oshakati, while doing little damage, was clearly designed to show that Swapo still has the capacity to surke at major defence installations.

General Lloyd, while accepting that a political rather than a military solution must even-

tually be found for Namibia, believes that his present allitary strategy could eventually achieve the same degree of stability in Ovamboland as exists in the adjoining regions. In fact he maintains that if his forces were given a free tein forces were given a free rein when attacking largets in southern Angola rather than avoiding contact with Angolan troops and civilians the war would already be won. What we are having to do is fight a he said.

The South African belief that they are beginning to ger the upper hand over Swapo explains why they are so opposed to the establishment of a demilitarized zone. Under the terms of the United Nations settlement plan sli South African troops would be success in Caprivi and Kavan- withdrawn from the zone goland, but-has been an almost before elections are held. They total failure in Ovamboland, would be replaced by a 7,500strong United Nations force whose job would be to maintain a ceasefire in the "operational area" and ensure that the demilitarized zone was not violated by either side.

However, the South African military are convinced this would be an impossible task for such a tiny force operating in such a huge area. " It would that the whole area. would become open to Swape intimidation", Colonel Martins said. "People who are pre-sently anti-Swapo would There has been some become pro-Swapo within three diminution of Swapo activities months if the defence force posed elections. . think the United Nations plan as it stands can achieve its aim of ensuring the holding of free and fair elections."

Judging from the present mood of the South African Government and the main in-Namibian parties, there is no intention of going ahead with the United foreseeable future. Therefore, the defence force will have plenty of time to show whether in fact they can win the war in Ovamboland or whether Swapo will prove to be as determined and resilient a force as the nationalist guer-rilles in Zimbabwe.

Nicholas Ashford

## LONDON DIARY

#### The right time for a voice from the left?

It will not have escaped your notice (it certainly has not escaped mine) that there has heen a slight change of ownership in our national press. Now that nearly one third of the output of Fleet Street pours from one man's presses, I shall not he in the least surprised if some fresh life is breathed into the campaign, which surfaces every so often to establish a national daily newspaper of the

There used to be one. It was called the Daily Herald, halfowned by the TUC; but in its latter years it fell into steep decline until transmografied into The Sun in a final attempt to resuscitate it. Its title was finally taken by a new paper of vastly different editorial and political views.

Some would say there still copy before me has 24 pages, a left-wing daily. But the several in full colour, all for is a left-wing daily. But the dear old Daily Mirror is really much too sensible and considered in its outlook to be properly classed as such, although it provides a healthy antidote, than the mouthpiece of an to the Toryism of The Sun, extremist faction.

even if it does not sell as many There are two others which

could properly be regarded as dailies of the true lett: the Morning Stor and The News Line. Unfortunately both have their colours nailed to particularly narrow masts. Despite a vigorous circula-

tion campaign, the Communist Party's 51-year-old Star is in gests that under 20,000 copies are sold in Britain each day, although, a further 14,000 are despatched nightly to Eastern Europe.

The News Line is a more interesting case altogether. Its circulation is impossible to assess; I suspect it is very small, but on the other hand its owners did buy three large lorries last year to distribute the paper from its Runcorn, Chesire, printing plant. It is the product of the Workers' Revolutionary Party, whose principal asset is Vanessa Redgrave, and is an impressive publication; a recent Saturday

12p.
But The News Line is really to be regarded as anything other



Does she use a sus lamp.

The Campaign for Press Freedom, established last year with the backing of Tony Benn and number of trade union leaders, favours a mainstream left-wing daily, at least partly out that Princess Anne was the

financed by a Labour Govern-ment creaming off some of the established Fleet Street titles. The idea was seriously debated in Labour Party circles before the election defeat of 1979, but' the cost of launching a new national paper was found to be terrifying.

one day, although not just yet, and it will be financed by a number of the wealthier made unions. Anyone who seriously believes in a diversified press must welcome it as an alterna-tive voice. But the trade unions are in no position to set it up at the moment; their copious wallets are too committed to members out of a total elecbailing out the Labour Party.

Gallop poll

Little did I realize, when I first mentioned it early last December, that so many of you would act upon it. (You may have read it elsewhere, but you read it here first). The announce-ment of a new Chancellor for London University, which should have been known on Saturday, has been delayed until today because the Senate House has been flooded by a tidal wave of voting papers. You may recall my pointing

sole nomination to succeed her grandmother in the largely advertisement revenue from the ceremonial but nonetheless important post, and that unless the 80,000 members of Convocation of London University woke up to the fact, it would be a one-horse race. I was grinding no axes for or against terrifying.

HRH, merely reporting the I still think it will happen views of one graduate who thought there ought at least he a properly contested election.

The graduates certainly did wake up. Not only did they put up two alternative candidates, Jack Jones and Nelson Mandela, but by the time voting closed on Saturday more than 42,000 torate of around 80,000 had cast their votes.

The result should have been declared at the end of Saturday's meeting of Convocation, but the task was plainly im-possible. Counting started at 9 am yesterday, with 40 tellers drafted in from other university offices, and by late yesterday afternoon they still had not waded through the huge pile. They are due to resume again

this morning.
This is the first time since the office of Chancellor was created in 1836 with the uncontested election of Sir their crime on horseback; P. D. ment of Lord Adrian, professor William Cavendish, later Duke James, for those who like it of cell physiology at Cambridge,

of Devenshire, that there has had to be a hallot. All nine previous Chancellors have been elected unopposed. The last time that the whole of Convocation was asked to vote, admittedly for the more lowly post of chairman, only 5,083 ballor

I shall be as surprised as anyone if either Jones or Mandela' emerges as the winner, but at least if the Chancellorship is supposed to be the result of a democratic election, it will have been seen as such.

Daggers drawn

Noon. Friday the thirteenth of March. Somebody gets the dagger at noon. Cords tense on the backs of the hands, and icalousy and malice seep visibly through the minds of our leading crime authors. The Dagger Award is presented by crime reviewers annually to the book they vote to have been the best exerciser of the little grey cells, thriller, chiller, thud and blunderer, or work of pure detection, last year.

Some mole in the nasty trade has leaked me the short list. It includes the obvious suspects: Dick Francis, for those who like

Murdochs: Julian Symons; David Williams; and a pack of other choice and master/ mistress purveyors of crime, with whom the cautious man should surreprintously swop glasses before drinking.

For those who like a flavour of vindaloo with their murder, our own super crime reviewer H. R. F. Keating is on the short list for The Murder of the Maharajah, a period piece set in the Thirries to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Collins Crime Club. The John Creasey Award is

given to last year's writer of the best first crime novel. The principal suspects are Alex Auswaks, Liza Cody, Helen Luce and Robert McCrum. If their lives are a tenth as sinister as their writing, I expect most of them to fall by the wayside in mysterious circumstances before Friday the Thirteenth.

Double blue

Those of you who appreciate chiasmus will savour a rare and possibly unique illustration in the field of college headships at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. It arises from the appoint-

with a frisson of the Iris as Master of Pembroke College when the tlassicist William Camps retires later this year. The new Master's father, the first Lord Adrian, was Master of Trinity from 1951 to 1965. When he left that post to hecome vice-chancellor and ultimately chancellor, of Cambridge, he was succeeded at Trinity by Lord Butler. Now Lord Butler's father, Sir Montagu Butler, was Master of Pembroke.

Neat, you see. It may fuel the suspicion that our senior universities are hothouses of academic incest, but you must agree it makes a change from that wearisome and impenetrable fuss about structuralism fe-

Most of Cambridge University has written to me to point out we that the Oxford University Diary is not alone in getting the date of British Summer Time right this year. Indeed a third mcical institution, the MCC, managed to publish the correct date (March 29) in its duary, in contrast to the majority of commercial diary publishers who is have declared the season open a week early. No more, please,

Alan Hamilton

## MR REAGAN SEEKS A BALANCE

to ask Congress tomorrow for the most swingeing cuts in public expenditure for many years. This is in line with his campaign commitments and with his whole approach to the task of govern-. ment. He has promised to increase spending on defence, to cut personal taxation by 10 per cent a year for the first three years, and progressively to reduce the budget deficit.

If he is to stand any chance of achieving all these objectives at once he has to cut public spending in areas other than defence very severely. The temptation for him, and for Congress, is to suppose that it would be all right to curb spending by rather less than would be necessary to pay for the tax cuts in the belief that the extra money in the pockets of the people would so timulate the economy, and bereby generate extra tax rerenue, that the budget could be palanced more easily, in subsequent years. But that would not e all right. It is an illusion to. magine that lower taxes would timulate economic activity as uddenly and as sharply as that. f they were not balanced by pending cuts they would be nuch more likely to stimulate nflation.

An increase in the budget deicit would also undermine the exchange rate of the dollar, which has been rising in the expectation of just such a package as Mr Reagan is now moposing. International trade no onger depends upon the dollar o the extent that it did, but a all in the value of the dollar vould nonetheless be a disturbng factor at a time when international confidence and stability tre uncertain.

re uncertain.
In broad strategic terms, there taxatione, Mr Reagan is right to be sture.

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of mutual respect between Chris-

ians and Muslims. It is a senti-

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nes is careful to emphasize that

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In Japan, the second of the

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ope Paul will expound on

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Hiroshima and Nagasaki. One

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massacre of Christians. It has

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en arriving there, in the six-enth century, and that they tried

figure out in their own language:
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anish "Camboja", in English
ambodia", in French "Cam-

dge" and, later, in German

The Khmer and Western names existed, peacefully, until quite cently. In 1945-46 the main news-

per in Phom Penh had a French ition "Cambodge" and a Khnter e "Kampuchea". In 1966, nanouk gave his glossy monthly riew the title "Kambuja", but in 70 he formed his government in king as "Convergence Royal

king as "Gouvernement Royal Jaion Nationale du Cambodge"

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tionale du Kampuchea". Hence-

th. Pol Pot insisted throughout world that his country should designated by everyone with the mer word only, ie "Kampuchea" Leven more specifically, "Demodic Kampuchea", in contrast to "reactionary" one

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Pot's (and, later, to that of the Sent Khmer leaders in Phnom nh) arrogant order and now acts if it had just "discovered" that

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president Reagan is preparing taking a tough line. But his approach may still be questioned on two scores. The first is whether his proposals may be so discomfiting that they will not be implemented. Attitudes are, it is true, very different in this Congress from the last one. Democrats as well as Republicans have drawn their conclusions from last November's elections in which there was a pronounced swing to the right in Congressional contests as well as in the

race for the White House. So there will be a tendency towards fiscal conservatism in both parties in Congress. The Budget Committee of the House of Representatives, who were in London last week, made it clear that Democrats and Republicans alike had absorbed one principal lesson from Britain's Thatcher experiment: that it was essential to make whatever spending cuts were necessary right at the beginning of an administration's term of office. Certainly Mrs Thatcher's experience has shown that it is no easier to make them in the second year.

There should therefore be a lively awareness on Capitol Hill as well as in the White House of the danger of whittling away the President's proposed economies one by one, while leaving the level of tax cuts unmolested. The Congressional process for handling public expenditure-which is far superior to that of the House of Commons—should also reduce this danger as it enables. decisions on revenue and spending to be taken together. So there is less excuse in Washington than there is at Westminster for ignoring, the implications for taxation of changes in expendi-

THE POPE TURNS TO ASIA topping briefly at Karachi, as and universal symbolism to begins his Asian tour, Pope heighten the message and the warning that the Pope will-

Asia, the most populous part of the world, is the part least penetrated by the missionary activity. of Christianity. The Philippine islands are predominantly Roman Catholic as a consequence of the thoroughgoing colonial job done on, them by the Spanish. Elsewhere in Asia the cause of Christianity hardly prospered because the European colonial thrust was weak or temporary, or because the missionaries encountered ancient developed cultures with their associated religions. These were less susceptible than African or American Indian cultures to the technical proficiency of European missionaries and the religious faith they propagated. The world has now shrunk and religious exclusivity is out of fashion. The Pope arrives in these lost mission grounds not to proselytize but to speak broad truths in the name of all humanity and in the spirit of Wisdom.

The personality of Pope John Paul in conjunction with the grandeur of the claims: inherent in his office are enough to gather multitudes for these papal progresses through the countries of the world. At Karachi there was a reminder of the personal danger the Pope runs. The messages he brings are not always popular with his audience. whether the representatives of tyrannical regimes, or priests who have evolved a theology of liberation to the point of endors-

Yet the public pressures are bound to be great—especially on members of the House of Representatives, all of whom come up for reelection every two years—to restore some of the cuts proposed by the President. Many of the changes he wants would be very painful. He is hoping to cut areas of social spending that have been left virtually untouched by Mrs Thatcher. This raises the second question mark over Mr Reagan's approach, In his attempt to secure sufficient scope for cutting taxes as well as spending more on defence, without increasing the budget deficit, is he being

excessively tough?
There is sufficient evidence of an anecdoral nature to suggestthat economies can be made in a number of social programmes without creating additional hardship. But Mr Reagan's proposals go well beyond the elimination of waste. They are bound to affect the standard of living of many of those most in need, and the consequences could be especially damaging in inner city areas, where "there is much unemployment-and much of it among young blacks. The mixture of unemployment, increasing poverty and racial resentment

could be explosive. To say this is not to suggest that President Reagan is wrong to seek major spending cuts. They are essential to his economic strategy and he is right to make them immediately. But Congress would be justified in questioning whether it is either necessary or wise to make such large reductions in taxation at the same time. This is what requires the cuts in expenditure. to be so massive in some critical areas as to disturb some of those who support the President in his general strategy.

ing violence, or ecumenists who deplore the rigour of the moral positions he reiterates. The immediate impact of the Pope's ininerant presence is strong, its lasting impact less easily dis-cerned. Meanwhile-and this is the eleventh major tour of his reign — there is some criticism that he neglects to mind the shop at Rome.

The Roman Catholic church was, and still in many of its forms is an ecclesiastical monarchy in which all authority radiates from the papal throne and clergy, and mediated by the most august bureaucracy of them all, the Roman Curia. The Second Vatican Council gave emphasis to another strand in the church's traditions. Lumen Gentium, the council's dogmatic constitution on the church, transferred much of the weight to the local or national churches, guided by their own bishops and held in unity through communion with Rome. In secular terms the structure is less of delegation; more of federation.

This alternative structure has made little progress in respect of how the church operates, though it has made much progress in respect of how it is conceived by its own members. The present Pope shows little enthusiasm for it, as the experience of the synod of hishops last autumn testifies. He has not yet given the church the reforming attention its, structures require. His magnificent peregrinations almost seem to be a substitute for it.

Are we prepared to say "People's Republic of Polska" for Poland, to call Hungary "Magyarorszag". Korea "Chosea", India "Bharat", the Soviet Union "Sovietski Sojuz", etc? And, in our ignorance, would we go as far as to use English adjectives in combination with those native words, ie to call the Germans "Deutschlandians" the Germans "Deutschlandians" the Finns "Suomians" and the Egyptians ... "Misrables", exactly as you write now " Kampucheans"?
It is not better to keep using plain English and to continue simply saying "Cambodian" and "Cambodians"?

Yours sincerely, PHILIPPE DEVILLERS. Professor, Southeast Asian Studies, Fondarion Nationale des Sciences Politiques, 27 rue Saint-Guillaume, Paris.

#### Mr Paisley's declaration

From Dr H. Montgomery Hyde Sir. As the official biographer of Sir. As the official biographer of the late Lord Carson and a former Ulster Unionist MP who sat for the North Belfast constituency which Lord Carson represented at Westminster, may I point out a serious constitutional inaccuracy in the Reverend Ian Paisley's "Declaration" (February 10)?

The Declaration, of which Mr Paisley is the first signatory, is admittedly modelled on the Solemn League and Covenant, although unlike that document it is both inaccurate and clicheridden. For

like that document it is both in-accurate and cliché-ridden. For instance, it refers to the "material welfare of Ulster" as being allegedly "threatened by a conspi-racy hatched at the Thatcher-Haughey Dublin sumit (sic. 7 with Haughey Dirbin sumit (sici) with the object of establishing an ongoing process of all-freland integration. It also refers to the other signatorics as men of Ulster, loyal subjects of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. For some reason there is no mention of women, despite the fact that more women than men signed the 1912-

tely abandon the name which have used for centuries, to signate the countries we traded the and decided to cell coordinate. Covensut.
The term Ulster as distinct from Northern Ireland, is of purely topographical significance. One of the th and decide to call every one the word it uses in its own lauage? If so, we must change a in the list of countries.

original four provinces of Ireland, Ulster consists of nine counties, of which only six are incorporated in Northern Ireland, as Mr. Paisley should know, the remaining three—Donegal; Monaghan and Cavan—forming part of the Republic of Ireland. It is therefore quite wrong Mr Paisley uses.

Mr Paisley uses.

Mr Paisley states that he is following what he calls "the Carson.

trail" and he proposes that the series of "loyalist" rallies which he has planned should terminate beside Lord Carson's statue in the grounds of Stormont Castle. In this he is doing Lord Carson's name a grave disservice. He would do better to heed the advice which Lord: Carson gave his Unionist followers when the first Government of Northern Ireland was

ment of Northern Ireland was created in 1972: From the outset let us see that the Catholic minority have nothing to fear from the Protestant majority. Let us take care to win all that is best among those who have been opposed to us in the past. Whilst maintaining intact our own religion let us give the same rights to the religion of our nelighbours.

Unfortunately that is something that the bigoted Paislevites have never been able to bring themselves Lord Carson's surviving son, the

Hon Edward Carson, has read this letter and be authorizes me to state that he wholeheartedly agrees with Yours faithfully, H. MONTGOMERY HYDE.

Westwell House. Tenterden, Kent.

#### Smoke and smother From Mr John Daniell

Sir. If fumes and gasses are the major killers in today's fires (Las Vegas hotel fire report, February 12) should not gas masks be readily available in such locations as multistorey hotels, theatres, etc? Yours faithfully, . JOHN DANIELL, 7 Beer Lane. Henley-in-Arden. Solihull, West Midlands.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### SAS conduct in embassy siege

From the Attorney General Sir, Mr Bruce Harris (February 16) expresses concern about the con-duct of the SAS (Special Air Service Regiment) are the end of the Iranian Embassy siege but he has his facts wrong. May I deal with some of the more serious mistakes? He said that it is curious that no members of the SAS team gave refers to your reports of February 4 and 5, the earlier of which clearly describes how two members of the SAS appeared in civilian dress when they gave evidence.

He is puzzled about the comments of prosecuting counsel at the end of or prosecuting counsel at the end of the trial of the surviving terrorist when your report makes it clear that the defendant's change of plea to guilty came before the prosecu-tion had called all its witnesses. Clearly counsel was seeking to cor-rect the impression, which others may share with Mr Harris, that the, witnesses who had given evidence had said all that there was to be said about the events of that day.

Mr Harris says that the statement by a soldier that a terrorist "made some movement with his hand which I considered a direct threat" is vague in the extreme. In your report of his evidence the soldier, in fact, said: "In his hand was a pistol and ammunition and he made some movement of his hand I regret that Mr Rarris gives the impression of being so selective in his choice of facts.

Your Parliamentary report (Feb-Your Parliamentary report (recreary 9) bore the headline, "Embassy rescue; SAS not given immunity" and accurately reports me as saying: "The evidence was reviewed by the DPP and by me. There was no evidence upon which proceedings in relation to the deaths. of these terrorists could be justified". I can assure Mr Harris that the Director and myself in considerproceedings seainst members of the SAS applied the same criteria which we apply generally and that there reas no question of special rules for the SAS. Finally, since Mr Harris says that

I failed to give a categorical answer to the parliamentary question, I can assure him that neither the Home Secretary nor I approved "any immunity from prosecution or any order for summary execution" in this attack on the terrorists holding the hostages in the embassy. Your faithfully, MICHAEL HAVERS,

Royal Courts of Justice, WCZ. February 16.

#### Family matters

From Dr Margaret White Sir, Lady Granschester (February 9) asks what sort of counselling young girls receive before they are prescribed the oral contraceptive. The Concise Oxford Dictionary decounsel as "advise, recommend' This definition bears no relation ship to counselling as practised today.

I attended a government-funded course on the subject and discovered that counselling means helping the "client" to decide what she wants, and when she has done so, to pro vide it for her. I was told that it is wrong to give her information she needs to know to help her make up her mind, unless she specifically asks.

Thus it is quite wrong to tell a girl of 13 the medical and psycho-logical risks of premature sexual intercourse. ·

It is also considered wrong to give any warning to the child of the possible dangers of the pill, even though many doctors consider it should never be given to children because of the additional side effects on the young of the contraceptive. steroids. Many counsellors insist that to tell a "client" that sexual intercourse with a girl under 16 is illegal would be moralizing, and therefore quite wrong,

Not long ago a family planning "I've seen a 12-year-old girl put on the pill in 10 minutes flat". I sin-cerely hope that such a case was exceptional-but I doubt it.

Yours truly. MARGARET WHITE, ·22. Upfield. February 11.

#### Specializing on skis

From Mr J. Dyson Taylor Sir, In Sportsview (February.7) John Hennessy, discussing ski-racing, does not mention the anatomical barrier facing any modern racer who wishes to excel in all three Alpine events, as those glorious skiers (to mention only three) Sailer, Killy and Schranz managed to do in the past.
Imagine trying to drive a Metro

down a bumpy, undulating, curving mountain road with gradients of one mountain road with gradients of one in three at an average speed of nearly 80 mph. What sort of suspension would you need to stay on your wheels? A skier's legs are his suspension and for downhill racing they need to be like two oaks, and for more fractional increase in speed. for every fractional increase in speed they need a geometric increase in strength.

On the contrary, a slalom races needs legs and a torso with the flexibility of a ballet dancer. Inter-national ski races are expensive to organize and the promoters depend on the revenue from television and the spectators, and if men's downhill races are slowed down the interest will decrease (see the comparative lack of interest in women's downbill races compared to men's). But at this time asking male down-

hill racers to win both downhill and slalom is like trying to train a run-ner to win a gold medal in the 100 metres and also in the marathon. The physical demands of the downhill giant slalom and the giant slalom/slalom are sufficiently similar for an exceptional racer to be able to excel in two of the Alpine disciplines, but the combination downhill/slalom makes impossible physical demands. Yours faithfully,

J. DYSON TAYLOR, Hausstattfeld 7/B, Kitzbühel, Austria. February 10.

#### Soviet attitude on 'exporting revolution'

From Dr A. Shtromas Sir, I should like to point out that Brian Thomas (February 6) was wrong when he tried to present the quotation from Stalin's interview with Roy Howard (published in Pranda on March 5, 1936) as a definitive statement on Soviet foreign policy. In fact, this quotation is rather im odd exception among Soviet official statements on their international goals almost all of which, after indeed, renouncing the "export of revolution" as inad-

missible pledge full support of the USSR for the revolutionary move-ments and ventures in Western USSR for the revolutionary movements and ventures in Western countries (two years later Stalin himself made, by the way, such a pledge in the party's magazine, Bolshevik, no 2. February, 1938).

Contrary to Mr Thomas, I would maintain that the definitive statement on Soviet foreign policy was made by Brezhnev in his report to the twenty-fifth Congress of the CPSU in February, 1976 (ie, in the heyday of détente), the essence of which was aprly summarized by a

heyday of detente), the essence of which was aptly summarized by a leading article in Pravda (May 1, 1976) in the following words: "The Soviet people are always ready to help all other peoples in their struggle for justice, freedom and social progress,"

One could also regard as such a definitive statement the text of rticle 28, in chapter 4, of the new (1977) Soviet Constitution which, in contrast to what Mr Thomas has said about it mambiguously de-clares that "the USSR's foreign policy is simed at . . . strengthening the positions of world socialism, supporting the people's struggle for national liberation and social pro-

Indeed, President Reagan absolutely right when he, at his first press conference on January 29, intimated that, at least in this intimated that, at least in this respect, Soviet words have always matched their actions. Yours faithfully, . SHTROMAS, rescent House, The University, Salford, Lancashire.

From Mr Avtandil Rukhadze

February 9.

Sir, General Haig's statement (January 29) that the Soviet Union is involved in "international terror-ism" is proof not only of his un-disguised anti-Sovietism, but disguised anti-Sovietism, but another step towards eroding detente and aggravating Soviet-US relations.

Certainly, one cannot demand that the American State Secretary should be well versed in the questions of theory and practice of com-munism. But having at his disposal a whole crowd of competent and not so competent "Sovietologists", who earn not only their daily bread with their "works" on communism and Soviet policy, Mr Haig could have easily got from any more or less conscientious, of these "experts" an assurance that Marxist-Leninists, which Soviet communists are, have always repudiated theoretically and practically all varieties of terrorism in their strategy and Karl Marx wrote ". ... terror is

mostly useless brutality committed for their own calm by people who themselves feel fear." At the turn of the century Lenin sharply condemned the terror sharply condemned the terror tactics which were adopted by the socialist-revolutionaries in Russia. Lenin argued that assassinations of Tsars, grand dukes or highranking officials would not alter the political and social system in Russia: ... in practice the terrorism of the socialist-revolutionaries is nothing else than single combat, a method that has been wholly condemned by the experience of history."

Soon after socialist-revolutionaries killed a Tsarist minister, Lenin emphasised: "The very success of emphasised: The very success of this terrorist act bears out all the more strikingly the experience of the entire history of the Russian revolutionary movement, which warns us against such methods of struggle and terrorism."

In February, 1908. in connection th the assassination of the King of Portugal, Lenin wrote that terrorism "essentially fails to achieve its purpose",

By rejecting terrorism, Marxist-Leninists have always proceeded from the principle that only through through mass armed struggle, or with support on the part of the broad masses in the country can the toiling classes achieve a change in the political and social system in their favour. their favour.

As an authoritative Tass statement says, the "Soviet Union has always been and remains a principled opponent of the theory and practice of terrorism, including in interpational relations", and that "Terrorism is organically alien to the world outlook of the Soviet people and to the policy of the Soviet state" stands on firm historical and political grounds. This at least should have been known to the US Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely,. AVTANDIL RUKHADZE c/o Novosti Press Agency, 4 Zubovsky Boulevard, Moscow, USSR.

February 9. ... From Professor Leon Lipson

Sir, Neither President, Reagan (speech, January 29) nor Brian Thomas (letter, February 6) has got quite right the tenor of Soviet leaders' statements about world revolution. Those have oscillated for over 60 years in response to internal Soviet politics, interna-tional alliances and coalitions, and current tactics of propaganda for well and ill-wishers abroad.

For example, Mr Thomas quotes Stalin (1936) as saying "the export revolution is nonsense". statement, made for effect during the period of the United Front, has a history beyond what Mr Thomas traces.

In 1961 or 1962 Mr Suslov, the thief ideologist of the party, made a speech which, as reported in Pravda, did duly reprobate "the export of revolution and of counterrevolution". Yet when the speech was reprinted in Kommunist a few weeks later, the words of revolu-tion and had been deleted, probably from galley-proofs; the remaining words of the sentence were spaced far apart. The deletion may have been ordered by someone conscious of the ostentatiously militant Chinese communists look-

ing over his shoulder. 1-suggest, Sir, that in Soviet intention words are not expressions, but Faithfully yours, LEON LIPSON. Endsleigh Court, Upper Woburn Place, WC1.

#### American music From Professor Peter Dickinson

February 6.

Sir. Bernard Levin (February 5) dismisses 200 years of American music as of no consequence, apart from the composers of musicals

and popular songs.
He is wrong to do this. Aaron Copland is not a third-rate com-poser and several of the others be mentions disparagingly are widely performed throughout the world. He is also wrong in denigrating Samuel Barber, who died last month-he was an excellent songwriter and many of his other works remain in

the repertory.

The difficulties the best modern American composers have in establishing themselves with the

South Africa's Bushmen

Nicholas Ashford's article

(February 9) on the battalions of Kalabari Bushmen who are fighting

for South Africa does not mention

one of the saddest ironies of the

situation. The Kung Bushmen of

the Kalabari were one of the few non-violent human cultures. They settled disputes with neighbours

simply by shifting camp to another

waterhole. They did not fight each other in groups; bands of 20 to 85

people had traditional hunting and gathering territories, but non-allied

bands were not considered enemies.

from the racially and culturally different Bantu herdsmen, but for

at least 20 years there was only one

murder, and that was in a dispute

over women, nor cattle.

The South Africans who bring the

Bushmen the benefits of our society are not just bringing beer, army boots, needlework and Christianity. They are teaching peaceful people

civilized Christians kill

Bushmen sometimes stole cattle

From Dr Alison Jolly

iust more distant kin.

ALISON JOLLY, School of Cultural and

Community Studies, University of Sussex,

Safe and sound

Yours faithfully,

Welton, Brough

East Yorkshire.

JUDITH THOMPSON, 10 Hall Walk.

From Mrs Judith Thompson

Sir, My reaction, when my son received a kidney donor card with

his provisional licence, was rather

different from Mr Cuttle's (Feb-

sobering effect, which I, despite many warnings, had been quite un-

able to produce, and I welcomed it.

The inclusion had on him

Brighton,

February 9.

Sussex.

larger public are the same as those of modern composers generally. And we must remember that from an international point of view the last 200 years of American musiceven so-called serious music-may seem more productive than the same period in British music.

Above all, the richness and variety of all types of American music-black and white, popular and serious—are a continually re-warding and fascinating pheno-menon, fully worthy of the tradi-tions of a great country. Yours faithfully. PETER DICKINSON. Music Department University of Keele, Keele. Staffordshire.

#### Heritage in danger From Dr A. J. Taylor

Sir, Mr Hague's letter (February 6) compels me to hasten to point out that the issues are far too serious and urgent for recollecting the pleasantries of times gone by. Mr Hague does, however, write from Wales. My earlier letter (January 31) referred solely to England, where of course the four closures circd are only a tithe of those already effected or threatened. Owing to the degree of devolution quietly carried, out de facto by

administrative action over the last few years, I could not speak for Wales or Scotland, but one may doubt if the situation in either is essentially hetter. Indeed in regard to the labour force I believe that in Wales it is substantially worse.

Meanwhile during this present week news reaches me from Rome the Government's impending

withdrawal from the International Centre for the Study of the Preserreports of the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM): a dubious economy even in the narrowest financial terms, since Britain's contribution to ICCROM, currently a mere \$65,000, is offset by the United Kingdom's annual receipt of where \$170,000 in cultain and other about \$170,000 in salaries and other

benefits to British citizens.

ICCROM was created by Unesco in 1959. Britain has provided its first and its present distinguished directors (ie two out of three) as well as two presidents of the general assembly and lecturers to ICCROM courses. The cultural arguments for United Kingdom representation in ICCROM are overwhelming, as it has enabled the British viewpoint to be represented. through our participation in the activities of the Rome Centre, in the worldwide field of conservation

of cultural property.

As Mr Curl so acutely observes
(February 7), the Trade Descriptions Act should apply to political parties. Not least is this so when they set out to undermine (and will end up by destroying) this country's

#### Presentation of Cabinet policy

From the Chairman of the Conscrua-tive Party

Sir, I have read your leader, "Not with one voice" (February 16) with interest and instruction. I make no complaint about it. I have been too long in politics to assume that all members of a Cabinet think the same thing about everything, still less that they say what they think in the same way. Nevertheless I am interested that you should have sought to draw the differences in interpretation and presentation of policy which you did between the Prime Minister on the one hand and Mr Pym and myself upon the other.

Your arguments were naturally ingenious but to anyone who actually heard the speech would have been unconvincing.

Margaret Thatcher held out to the Young Conservatives the vision of a world strongly defended, secure, free, responsible. Of course she has strong convictions. Thank heavens for it. Of course she acknowledged that the path from where we are to where we want to get to is one with many obstacles upon it and demands a degree of pragmatism along the way.

The ovation which she received from the Young Conservatives, many of them drawn from the hardbit areas of the industrial North, was more than the formality accorded to a party leader: it was from the heart. In what is still a very rough situation, in the middle of world recession, with industries still fighting their way back to a competitive condition, she showed the mixture of common sense of courage and of compassion which that sudience, and indeed the

country, now demands, Conviction and pragmatism are not alternatives in politics, they are mutual necessities.

THORNEYCROFT, Conservative & Unionist Central Office, 32 Smith Square. Westminster, SW1. February 16.

#### Liberal welcome

From Mr Christopher Mayhew Sir, Geoffrey Smith (February 13) overlooks one important element in the Liberal attitude to the social democrats. While welcoming their belated decision to defect, many of us find it hard to forget, completely and at once, their miserable preceding record. For almost a decade they "fudged and smudged", com-promising with the enemies of demo-

cracy, dealgrating our party and voting against policies we passion-ately supported. However, they are now showing such courage, and their statements have so much in common with ours, that these feelings will certainly pass. After discussing David Steel's strategy at many Liberal meetings recently, including meetings of the party council and national executive. I am convinced that while some of our hardest working acti-

vists still have doubts about it, the

great majority of party, members support it enthusiastically. Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW, 39 Wool Road. Wimbledon, SW20. February 13.

From Mr David Watson Sir, Miss Sue Slipman, the former president of the National Union of Students, has left the Communist Party to join the new Council for Social Democracy (report, February 12). She says in the Morning Star: My politics have not changed-I

have not become a right-winger." If Miss Slipman intends to be the first unreformed communist to infiltrate the social democrats she should be told very firmly that, she is not welcome. Yours faithfully,

DAVID WATSON, 80 Milton Road, Clapham, Bedford. February 12.

standing in the international field in matters which have hitherto been wholly apolitical. Perhaps this was one of the things against which Mr St John-Stevas protested.

Needless to add, the extinction of our part in ICCROM has been set in motion sub rosa: although (? because) the present president of the reperal rouncil is also the

of the general council is also the United Kingdom representative (he also serves on the linance and programme committee), he has been at no stage consulted. Of the attempt to push through the closure of the Chancery Lane search rooms with the out any prior consultation with the Lord Chancellor's statutory Advisory Council on Public Records.

We bow our heads. Yours faithfully, A. J. TAYLOR Rose Cortage, Lincoln's Hill, Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Seeing red

From Mr W. J. Strachan Sir, Although the scheme to repaint our red telephone kiosks yellow is at an experimental stage, may I raise one voice against any replacement of "pillar-box red", quickly identifiable and aesthetically pleasing (the "red note" beloved of Constable against a country background) village greens and an agreeable contrast against most building materials in urban settings.

We have had enough vellow with those bright double yellow lines spoiling (if of necessity) lovely village streets such as those—to take one example-at Polruan in Cornwall. Before one more por of yellow paint is flung in the face of the public at our expense (77,000 kiosks), let us close ranks in pro-

Yours faithfully. W. J. STRACHAN, 10 Pleasant Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire. February 11.

test.

to £3,000) and the other for Christie's soid collectors' cars 23,400 (estimate £1.500 to £2,500). The decoration of both goblets had been copied from a volume of woodcuts first published in 1578. They are thought to date value of their old cars which from the late sixteenth century cannot always be matched at the problems and the bare have been made either at a volume.



Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. D. Crossman
and Miss J. M. Ritchie
The engagement is announced
between Jonathan, younger son
of the late Captain J. D. Crossman, CEE, Royal Navy, and of
Mrs J. D. Crossman, of Upland
Park Road, Oxford, and Juliadaughter of Dr and Mrs B. W. T.
Ritchie, of High Close House,
Wylam, Northumberland.

The engagement is announced between Mandhir Singh, son of Sardar and Sardarni Mehar Singh

Satuar and Satuarni Menar Singu Sethi, of Chandigarb, India, and Charlotte Anne, daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Gerard Buxton, of Pitteadle House, by Kirkcaldy, Fife.

of Mr and Mrs Alastair McGregor, of Walkerville, South Australia.

Mr M. S. Sethi and Miss C. A. G. Buxton

Mr M. G. C. Toller

#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 16: The Duke of Edin-burgh, President of The Duke of Ediuburgh's Commonwealth Study ingham Palace presided at a meeting of Group Chairmen from Canada.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Margaret Bridges, late wife of Lieutenant Colonel E. R. Bridges, RM, Under-Treasurer of Lincoln's lim, will be held in Lincoln's lim Chapel, WC2, on Thursday, March 12, 1981, at

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir James Martin will be held on Wednesday, February 25, at noon at the Church of St Clement Daues, Mr M. G. C. Totter
and Miss A. C. McGregor
The engagement is announced
betweer Mark, eldest son of
Captain and Mrs Charles Toller,
of Little Rissington, Gloucestershire, and Anna, eldest daughter
of New and Mrs Alessair McGregor

A gala performance of Cats, in aid of Kids, will be held on April 23 at the New London Theatre.

Birthdays today

Mr John Allegro, 56; Mr Alan
Bates, 47; Sir Eric Clayson, 73;
the Earl of Elgin, 57; Lord Foot,
72; Lord Kearton, 70; General
Sir John Mogg, 68; Sir Orby
Mootham, 80; Professor Claire
Palley, 50; Mr T. C. Ravensdale,
76.

Mr J. D. M. Wardell
and Miss L. M. Joly de Lotbinière
The engagement is announced
between John David Meredith,
only son of Mr John Wardell, of
Ripley, Surrey, and Mrs Lettice
Lachelin, of The Mere, Merstham,
Surrey, and Lucy Miranda, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs Toby
Joly de Lotbinière, of Barmoor
House, Bletchingley, Surrey.

Today's engagements

The Queen holds investiture, 11. The Duke of Edinburgh, as senior fellow, chairs Fellowship of tellow, chairs retitowing of Engineering's annual general meeting. St James's Palace, 10.15; as president of Royal Society of Arts, presides at meeting of committee for the environment. John Adam Street, Adelphi, 2.30.

The Prince of Wales visits offices of The Economist, 25 St James's Street, 12; as president, attends reception in aid of Mary Rose Trust, Porter Tun Room, Whitbread's Brewery, Chiswell Street, 6; attends concert given by English Chamber Orchestra, Festival Hall, 8.

Princess Anne, as patron of National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, attends BEC national embroidery competition. Debenham's, Oxford

The Duke of Gloucester attends annual dinnel of Chartered Institute of Building, Guildhall, The Duchess of Kent opens sports hall and community centre, Reynolds High School, Acton,

Talks: "Towards a more natural

alks: "Towards a more natural civilization", New Acropolis Centre, 688 Upper Street, Islington, 8; "Bas economic theory created the economic crisis", by John Eatwell, Polytechnic of North London, 2; An evening with Nobby Clark, City of London and Cripplegate

Photographic Society, 12 Wilson Street, 6.30; "How does a television programme get set up?" by Michael Grade, National Film Theatre, 12.30; "Aspects of Russian foreign policy, 1815-1914". by Dr G. H. Bolsover, Pushkia Club, 46 Ladbroke, Grove, Bayswater, 7.30; "Queen Victoria and the state portrait", by Richard Ormond, National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, 1; "Working for yourself: the pleasures and pitfalls", a talk for musicians and acrors by John Wilson, Guildhall School, of Music and Drama, Barbican, 5; "Enemies of Pharaoh: the Hittites", 11.30, and "Living Atea, lord of eternity", 1.15, both by George Hart, British Museum. Exhibition: Picasso graphica, original prints, 1904 to 1973, French Institute, Queensberry Place, Kensington, 10 to 8.

Flower show; RHS Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster, 11 to 6.

Visiting ship: HMS Argonaut berths alongside HMS Belfast, by Tower Bridge, 1.45. Chairman of GLC is bost to coun-cil day luncheon, 12.45.

Lunchtime music: Alison Pearce, soprano, Lawrence Wallington, bass-baritone, Fairfield Hall, Croydon, 1.05: City Music: Society, Bishopsgate Hall, 1.05: Rachel Masters, harp, Paul Edmund Davies, flute, Holborn Library Hall, 1.05: Richard Copley, organ, St Peter-apon-Cornbill, 12.30.

#### Scholarships in the Royal Navy.

The following tandidates have been declared successful in the 35th Royal Navy/Royal Marines acholarship and reserved place

mpedidod:

ROYAL NAVY SCHOLARSHIPS
L. J. Billinge, W Sometel S. Mincd: i. A. Canavan, Castlehaed MS.
sley, R. Cabbourine, Portsmauth CS;
J. Cauling, Eastbourne VI Form C:
D. Craft, Pangbourne C; D. R.
s. Jpswich R; M. H. Cill, High
res Comp S, Sheluald; C. M. Gillan,
Acad; I. F. Graham, D. Steward's
Meiville C, Edipburgh; R. J. Hall,
ingels Copae S. Reading; J. V. B.
res. Oucea's C. Taunton; I. C.
195, Chinglord Sch HS; C. S. HutchiHutcheson's GS, Gikagow; A. C.
nasan, Upplagham S; P. E. Jessop,
John's Comp S, Mariborough; P. D.

Latest wills

Residue left to

National Trust

Mrs Clara Emily Richardson, of Sidmouth, left estate valued at £245,561 net. After personal bequests totalling £2,860 and effects she left the residue to the

Narional Trust. Other estates include (net, before

tax paid):
Batty, Mr Stanley, of Lancham

Nottinghamshire ... £128,897 Brittain, Mr Ronald, of Chester,

former regimental sergeant-major

Cameron-Rose, Mrs Barbara Joan,

5. Camellord: M. C. Cornish, St Boni(ecc's C. Plymouth: J. B. Courtiff,
Byrchmal HS. Ashton-in-Makerishiff,
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N. G. Courses, Es Clark's GS, Clifton;
T. J. Datham, Purkside Commit C.
Cameridge; J. H. Davies, Moamouth S:
M. J. Dorreil, Sif H. Floyd's S. Ayleabury: A. J. Elliott, Portchester Boya
S. Boursemouth; C. E. Fenton, Notting HS; M. J. Flynn, Hayfield Comp
S. Doncaster; D. M. Ford, Collaton's
S. Stapteton; P. J. Frankham', J. RusSM HS, Croydon; G. C. Prost, Badford
SM HS, Croydon; G. C. Prost, Badford Edminni's S. Canterbury: P. C. Walson, Strethallan S. Forgendenne, Perthshire: A. J. Williams, Culford S. Bury St. Edmunds: M. Wilson, Hautileu S. S. Saviour; S. H. Window, Finchley Catholic HS: R. P. Winterbaltom, Crompton House C of E Coms S. Shaw, Oldham: R. M. Wilmond, Chalham House GS. Ramspale: ROYAL MARINE RESERVED PLACES ROYAL MARINE RESERVED PLACES C. C. Chapter Landon: C. C. Chapter Landon: C. J. R. James, Rugby.

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Mod B: G. R. Fillon, Relgate CS.

1. T. Griffin, Central High, Manchester; M. J. Harris, Redruth S; J. M.
Hawke, J. of Gent S. Trowbridge;
M. A. J. Hawkins, Card Langley S.
Misichnetter; J. A. Holmann, Phingbourne C: A. Hooper, London Naul,
B. A. Jain, Backwell Comp S.
T. A. Johnston, Thing, Petersified,
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S. C. Kellett, Dingwall Acad, Rossshire; M. A. D. King, St. T. Moore, R.
Bournemouth; A. M. Lamb, Guernsey
GS; A. E. R. Lachrang, RCS, Wirecriter; M. P. Lockyer, King's GS,
Grantham; S. R. McQuaker, Eductured,
Acad; J. R. Marshul, Portamonth GS;
B. R. Mason, Heart of England
S. Baltail Common; S. T. Morarty, Burg
GS; J. S. T. Nelson, Beechen Chili S.
Batt., M. K. Osbourne, Sl. Ahne's S.

#### Clares nuns of St Joseph's convent, York, on their way to sell for charity surplus eggs produced by the convent's 150 of East Aberthaw, South Glamor-£290,180 Dalrymple-Champneys, Captain Sir Weldon, of Oxford, deputy chief medical officer to Ministry of Health from 1940 to 1956 5127,005 Hutton, Mr Andrew Michael, of Manor Fields, London 5162.854 Snelson, Mr William. of Cleobury Mortimer. Shropshire .. £155.93' Sutherland. Sir Benjamin Ivan. of Alnwick, Northumberland

Manor Fields, London 5162.854
Messenger, Mrs Kathleen Mary, of
Scarborough . 1189,741
Molyneux, Mrs. Coustance Cochrina, of Abergaventy, Gwent

E257.388 \$284,986 Tawse, Dorothy May, of Stratford Tawse, Dorothy May, of Strattord-on-Avon ... £227,858 Walker, Mr Arthur Cyril, of Bridg-north, Shropshire ... £541,208 Weyman, Mr Arnold Aron, of Mill Hill, London ... £239,073 Woods, Mr Fred, of Guernsey, Channel Islands ... £190,868 Murray, Mrs Winifred Maud, of Petts Wood, Kent £131,338 Ollerenshaw, Mr Percival, of Guiseley £163,121 Redwood, Miss Evelyn May, of Yeoril £195,141 Young, Mr Stanley Douglas, of Bath, estate agent .. £123,394 Yeovil ... £195,141 Roberts, Colonel William Quincey,

# Science report

# Climate: Darwin's long-range dust

By the Staff of Nature Charles Darwin's dust, raised by the winter storms in Chad and Niger, has been detected far away in French Guiana, twice as far as Darwin thought it travelled when he first saw the dust during the voyage of the Beagle. According to new measurements, as much as 400 million tons of that dust may be deposited each year in the North Atlantic, and while suspended in the atmosphere may significantly affect the climate of the region. Darwin porticed the dust at his first landing, three weeks out of Plymouth, in the Cape Verde Islands off West Africa. He cor-rectly attributed it to the West

African storms known as the har-mattan. "The dust falls in such quantities as to dirty everything on board", he wrote in The Voyage of the Beagle. "Vessels have even run on shore owing to the obs-

curity of the atmosphere."

Later, a Professor Ehrenberg analysed the dust for him, and found a profusion of tiny siliceous skeletous among the material, some from freshwater infusoria and some from plants. Bur Darwin infusoria were new to Professor Ehrenberg; that none of them was known African species, and that two of them were known only in South America.

Some of those puzzles may have been resolved by the recent work of Dr J. M. Prospero, Dr R. A. Glaccum and Dr R. T. Rees of the University of Miami, published in the current issue of Nature. Dr Prospero and colleagues set up an observing station in French Guiana

Atmospheric dust had been observed systematically for 15 years in Barbados, farther north, but that dust showed a peak in the

the lesser amount of dust produced in the summer goes farther north, reaching Barbados. Moreover, Africa is not the only source of the dust, and that may explain Professor Ehrenberg's confusing observations. The Miami group analyzed the dust for

the same composition as dust pre-viously collected from chips and islands close to Africa. The second

came from soil in Brazil. And the

That would increase atmospheric stability in the region (hot air tends to rise, so that hot air below with cool air above is unstable and may have a significant impact

Source: Nature, February 12, 1981 (vol 289, page 570). e Namre-Times News Service.

from the late systecath century candot.

and to have been made either at the late in Tyrol. an outpost of In this Venetian glassmaking, or at a little known Munich glasshouse.

A group of seven German glass pieces, however, dated to the fifteenth century, were all susoid.

A beaker with a blue trail rim was bought in at £1,200, having been estimated at £4,000 to about £3 Holy Roman Empire, made £6,500 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000). It is dated £614 and Sotheby's cataloguer was uncertain whether it came from Germany or Bohemia.

There were two façon-de-Ventse soblets products of Northern been estimated at £4,000 to £5,000.

The English glass reached prices much in line with expectations, though there were few surprises. Delomosne paid £720. lestimate £500 to £700,) for a colour twist wine glass of about £500. The sale totalled £86,038, with 12 per cent model. estimated at £4,000 to goblets, products of Northern The Englis Europe made in the Venedan much in the style, and both cold painted (decoration after cooling), although much of the painting fasted off.

Nevertheless, one goblet was sale totalled cent unsold.

Keen bids for historic glass made in Northern Europe

Tumbler dated 1614 makes £6,500

Sale Room Correspondent

Glass of German interest attracted the keenest competition in Sotheby's sale of English and Continental glass yesterday.

A richly enamelled tumbler, or Reichsadierhumpen, decorated with the Hapsburg imperlal double-breaded eagle and the shields of the members of the

Bowater,

Professor Sir Max and Lady Beloft,

Mr Honry Moore, OM, and Mrs Moore,

Mr J B. Priestey, OM, and Mrs Priestey

Priestey I Mr and Mrs Norman Heppile,

Mr J. T Hayes, Mr and Mrs Brinaley

Ford, Mr and Mrs William Manchester,

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Mr and Mrs Monty, Modlyn, Mr R, S,

Wilkins, Mr T, L. Tail, Mr and Mrs

L. R. Mann, Mr and Mrs Musell

Evans, Mr and Mrs Mativille Johnston,

Mr and Mrs R, S, C, T, Holds,

worlin, Mr and Mrs P, A, Learmond,

Mr John Cohen, Mr Cobe Stenham;

Mr Jonathan Hewes, Mr and Mrs and Mrs Indight Mr and Mrs P, Mr and Mrs

Mr Jonathan Hewes, Mr and Mrs Mr and Mrs

Mr Jonathan Heynes, Mr and Mrs-Raymond Slater, MalorGeneral and Mrs-J. R. Reynolds, Mr and Mrs John Arlott, Mr and Mrs Eddle Waring, Me and Mrs John Hae; Mr and Mrs Jan Mrs Hand Mrs Hand Mrs Dednis Bilk, Capalin and Mrs A. B. Wingare, Mr and Mrs George Christle, Mr and Mrs Tom Han,

Reception

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and Mr. Denis Thatcher were hosts at a reception held at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening. Among those present

#### Luncheon

Sir iau Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal, was host et a lunchéon at Admiralty House yesterday given in honour of the Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs. Dr Abdul Razek Abdul Meguld, Among those present were 1

"his Ambiesador of Egypt, Eerl Jellicoe Mr. I Hlovcidge, Mr M. Ward, Mr J. L. Kirby, Mr G. W. McMahon, Mr R. Williams and Mr A. K. C. Wood.

# State for Education and Science, was host at a dinner given at I Carlton Gardens last night in honour of M Pierre Aigrain, Secretary of State for Research of the French Republic. Farmers' Company The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their Isdies, attended the anoual livery dinner of the Farmers' Company at the Mausion House yesterday. The Master, Mr C. G. Metson, presided, assisted by the Senior' Warden, Mr M. H. Hinton, and the Junior Warden. Sir Charles Graham. The Lord Mayor, the Senior Warden, Judge Edward Clarke, QC, and the Master were the speakers, Among others present were:

Hunterian Festival
The Lord Mayor of Westminster
was present at a dinner given by
Sir Alan Parks, President of the
Royal College of Surgeons of
England, and the council at the
college yesterday. The speakers
were the president, Sir Roger
Drmrod, and Mr Howard Hauley,
semior sice-president. The other
guests were trustees of the
Hunterian Collection, members of
the court of patrons and the fundraising committee of the college,
and Sir Reginald Murley, who had
earlier delivered the 1981
Hunterian Oration entitled "Peace
and Strife in Hunter's Time". and Strife in Hunter's Time ".

auction.

In this case 38 per cent of the E284,291 total was unsold. A 1939 Packard 12 made the top price at \$110,000 (estimate \$80,000 to \$90,000) or £47,826. It is a four-door, seven-passenger, formal town car and probably cost its first owner at least \$7,300, or about \$3,200.

There were two planes in the saie, one falling to find a buyer. The other, a 1938 de Havilland 94 Moth Minor, a two-seat mono-

Moth Minor, a two-seat mono-plane, made \$28,000 (estimate \$20,000 to \$25,000) or £12.173.

Sotheby's rale of antiquities yesterday totalled £33.388, with 9

Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science,

per cent unsold.

HM Government

Dinners

# England and Scotland in bridge wins

By Our Bridge Correspondent
England beat Wales by 19 to 17 at
Croydon and Scotland beat
Northern Ireland by a similar margin at Perth in the second round
of the home countries bridge international series for the Camrose

Wales started in splendid form, drawing the first match 6-6 and winning the second by 8-4.
In the third match the lead changed bands five times in the first 10 poards.

first 10 boards.

After an expensive revoke by one of the Welsh players and a bad defence, costing four tricks in a contract of two spades doubled, England recovered their form to win 9—3. Their lead at the top of the table remains unaltered at five victory points. Scotland too falled to produce their best form and in a match of mistakes could manage a win by only the narrowest of margins y the harrower -5, 7-5, 5-7).

The standings are

Esgiand: R. A. Priday. C. Rodrigue Miss N. Gardener. M. E. Dillis J. D. R. Colling. G. N. Bresical: non playing captain. R. B. Brock. Scotland W. Michell. R. Bennett G. Cultheri aon. G. Hasse: R. Benstead. M. Sud lir: non-playing captain. C. D. Bow man. Wales: P. D. Jaurdain. Dr E. Martin: M. N. Hiret, D. McAndrew. A Pierce. A. Cassey: non-playing captain. G. C. Smith.

players competed in the Stratford-on-Avon Waddington Bridge Con-gress last weekend. The main event, the Waddington Rose Bowl, was won by the scratch pair of K. E. Stanley (Worcestershire) and P. Alder (London).

Bhire) and P. Alder (London).

The results were:
Mixed Pairs: I. Med S. Haysark, D. Hard
North-west). Mrs D. Schwert, Somerasi.
I. Somerasi.
I. Wardingian Rose, Bow): 1, K. E. Stanley: (Worcesforeshire).
Lundoni. 2, D. Jones I. Wardingian Rose, Bowyer I. Wardestoreshire): 5, S. Gore, J. Williams
Warnickshire: 5, S. Gore, J. Williams
I. Warnickshire: Avon Chop 7, D. Plumb, G. K.
Phumb, G. Miss, J. McDormol, USurrey): 3, Mrs and Mrs S, W.
Thomas, P. Channack, S. Kaplan
(Somerset)

is study the control of metabolism in runnial opithelium.

Arthritis and Rheumalism Council S31,000 to Dr D. Wooling, to study the pathophysiology of the rheumatoid igint.

An all-party group of 133 MPs and peers is supporting the nomination of the Nicaraguan Literacy Campaign and its director, Father Fernando Cardenal, SJ, for the 1981 Nobel peace prize.

# Stratford congress: More than 500

Nobel nomination

Royal engagements The following engagements for March have been announced from

Buckingham Palace:
2: The Duke of Edinburgh, as an the buse of Emburgi, as an onorary member of Tiger Club, attends reception in connexion with Dawn to Dusk Competition at headquarters of Royal Aeronaudical Society.

3: The Queen holds an investigation of the property of t

ture; the Duke of Edinburgh opens Careers for the 1980s exhibition at Kelvin Hall, Clasgow; the Duke dines with members of 1970 Club at Pollok House, Glasgow. 4: The Duke of Edinburgh, as

president of National Playing Fields Association, visits associarights association, visits association's resource centre, Ward End Park. Birmingham; the Duke opens Granville Street development of Trident Housing Society, Birmingham; the Duke visits Leigh Interests Ltd. Brownhills, Walsall.

to 6: The Prince of Wales visits Duchy of Cornwall property in Cornwall, Devon, "Somerser and Dorset. 5: The Queen attends reception given by Chief Constables' Club in Guildhall; the Duke of Edin-

burgh, as honorary member of Medical Society of London, attends society's annual dinner at St Bartholomew's Hospital. 6: The Duke of Edinburgh,

5: The Duke of Edinburgh, as honorary Air Commodore of RAF Kinloss, visits the station.

9: Princess Anne as patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, artends luncheou at Saddlers' Hall; the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend Commonwealth Day Observance service in Westminster Abbey.

The Queen and the Duke attend Commonwealth Day reception at Mariborough Bouse; the Duke, as patron and trustee of Duke of Edinburgh's Award, attends award.

## OBITUARY

Latest appointments

Estonian emigre

Birmingham SO

to conduct

#### KARL RICHTER Bach organist and conductor

Karl Richter, the well known B minor Mass and the Passion. organist and conductor died on February 15 in Munich at the on several occasions with the age of 54. He was noted chiefly London Philharmonic Choir and in Germany and elsewhere for Orchestra, but the results were his performances - of Bach not as immediate or as reveals.

He was born at Plauen on October 15, 1926. He studied at Leipzig under Mauersberger and Gunther Ramin, himself a Bach specialist, before becoming organist at Bach church St Thomas's, Leipzig, in 1947; but in 1951 he left to take up an equivalent post at St Mark's church in Munich and to teach church in Munich and to teach there at the music academy, where he became a professor five years later.

He soon established a reputation as a Bach player, both Neeme Jarvi, the Estonian conduc Neeme Jarvi, the Estonian conductor who emigrated from the Soviet Union early last year and is to become principal guest conductor of the Ciry of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra for three seasons, starting in the autumn,

Mr Jarvi, aged 43, built the Estonian State Symphony Orchestra into one of the Soviet Union's most successful orchestras before he lost his position as chief conductor when he applied to leave the country in 1979 (our Music Reporter writes).

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He recorded the major choral works of Bach, some of his cantaras and Handel's Messigh on the organ and harpsichord. Many of the interpretations re-which he soon extended to con-

'In London he also appeared

tory as those be achieved with

his own forces. His choir in

particular was an eagerly re-

In recent years he refused to have much to do with the new

fashion for authentic ways of performing Bach. He neither

reduced the size of his choir

or orchestra, nor employed original instruments, preferring

to follow the path that con-

tinued to be successful in his

ponsive bright-toned group.

#### BRIGADIER NOEL COSBY

Brigadier Noel Cosby, CIE, MC, who died on January 27 at Houet Herbe, Alderney, at the age of 90, was believed to be the sole surviving officer of the Fifth Gurkhas who fought at, Gallipoli. He was the only officer with the regiment who took part in the original landing and survived to retreat with his

with the Birmingham Symphony next season and 15 concerts in each of the two subsequent sea-

each of the two subsequent seasons.

Paavo Berglund, nord 1979 principal conductor of both the Helsinki
Philharmonic and the Bournemouth
Symphony Orchestras, has been
appointed principal guest conductor of the Scottish National Orchestra from next September.

Other appointments include:
The Rev Percy L. Ashford, aged
S3, regional chaplain of the Prison
Department, south-west region, to
be Ghaplain General of the Prison
Service, in succession to Canon
Leslie Lloyd Rees.
Mr Charles Denton, programme
convoller of ATV Nerwork, to be
the network's director of programmes. From 1915 to 1935 be served machine 2un. Twice over be with the Rifth Gurkhas in Egypt, and Gallipoli, with periods of secondment to the Frontier Corps and Scouts on the North grammes. Sir Peter Proby, to be Lord-Lieu-tenant of Cambridgeshire in succes-sion to Lieutenant-Colonel Peter

sion to Lieutenaut-Colonel Peter Brassey.

Mr John Eccies to be a deputy chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Roy H. Thomson, aged 48, vice-chairman of the Broadcasting Council of Scotland, to be vice-chairman of the board of directors of Scotlish Ballet, with special responsibility for sponsorship and fund-raising.

Mr Norman Davies to be registrar of the General Denial Council in

Reporter writes). He had conducted throughout

Europe and the Americas during the 1970s and now lives in the

United States.
He will conduct 12 concerts

of the General Dental Council in succession to Mr David Hindley.

From The Times of Thursday, Feb. 16, 1956

Paris uproar. From Our Own Correspondent" Paris, Feb 15.—A major fracas, the like of which has not been seen since the period of Communist violence in 1945, and 1949, occurred in the National Assembly this afternoon when Pouladists and Communists singled in physical Communists joined in physical battle for the possession of the rostrum from which deputies address the chamber and where nddress the chamber and where public votes take place. Just when pandemonium was at its height and the public galleries were being cleared, the sound of a shot rang out from one of the galleries. This proved later to have come from nothing more lethal than a child's toy pistol. The Assembly bad earlier resumed its debate on the invalidation of some of the had earlier resumed its debare on the invalidation of some of the Poujadist deputies whose elections have been contested. Two of these men have already been invalidated and today's discussion centred on

Folk festival

More than 400 musicians will appear in 110 events at this year's Edinburgh Folk Festival from March 20 to 29. It is the festival's third year and will include performers from Spain, Norway, France, Germany, Belgium and Chile.

ducting when he formed a diffected, if slightly rigid, way with the music. He appreciated the prowess of British soloists, musical centres, including moscow in 1968 to perform the Before embarking for Galli. poli, where he was mentioned in dispatches. in dispatches. Cosby took part in the successful defence of the Suez Canal when Turkish forces advanced across the Sinai desect dragging boars behind

them filled with drinking water and provisions. During action in Gallipoli, and despite having been wounded in the head and

Born in Carford in 1890, arm, Cosby led an attack on the Cosby left HMS Worcester in Turkish lines to recover the 1907 and, after embarking on body of his company comman. a career as a tea planter in Ceyder. The same night, with all lon, joined the Ceylon Planters his men dead, Cosby defended his position alone with a

West Frontier. In 1935 be was appointed Commanding Officer of the Fifth/First Punjab Regiment, and in 1940, while in

tribal territory, was ambushed and wounded. He was appointed inspector General of the Frontier Corps in 1941, retiring from the army in 1945.

Alderney Agricultural Society and, until his death, was president of the Island's branch of the Royal British Legion. He is survived by his wife Margaret.

P. K. writes;.

Smith.

Dr North H. Schuster and SirMichael Sobell to be bonorary
fellows of the Royal College of

25 years ago

writes: The news from Pakistan that General Yousuf had died meant of the Old, and he had the Sir John Arnott, Bt, died on February 14 at the age of 53. The elder son of Sir Robert John Arnott, fourth baronet, he

and today's discussion centred on a third case. Blows were exchanged and the chairs and spools on which the ushers sit were used as projectiles. It was at this point that the sound apparently of revolver thots was heard from one of the public galleries. M Le Troquer suspended the sitting and ordered the galleries to be cleared. was born on April 9, 1927, and educated at Harrow. He formerly held a commission in The Royal Irish Fusiliers. He was chairman of the Phoenix Park racecourse, Dublin, and a

Board and the Irish Turf Club. He succeeded to the baronetcy on the death of his father in He married in 1974 Ann Mar-

garet, daughter of T. A. Far-relly. They had two sons, of whom the elder, Alexander John Maxwell Arnott, succeeds to the

The Rev Aniceto Fernandez, who was head of the Roman Catholic Dominican Order from 1962 to 1974 died on February

13, at the age of 86. Born in Spain, Fernandez entered the Dominican Order at the age of 14, and was ordained in 1921. He taught theology for 20 years in Spain and in Rome.

Cosby was the island's represen-tative of the Lt. Governor of Guerosey. For many years he was president of the Royal

in front of an electric fire and join them.
As captain of HMS Glorious

he had a Christmas cake baked for the boy seamen on board who were orphans. As First Sea

Lord he would write personal notes of encouragement to

every junior officer, always in

He disliked memories of the

#### ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET LORD FRASER

The full obituary of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser in The Times of February 13 made no mention of the universal affection felt for him by all with whom he served.

Those subordinate to him almost literally worshipped him. This was due to his warm and This was due to his warm and sincere personality, and his irrepressible sense of fun. He was a man who, as an admiral in Russian waters, could find two midshipmen toasning sausages sonally.

LIEUT-GEN MOHAMMED YOUSUF

his own hand

Lord Home of the Hirsel vision of such a combination exercising a benevolent in-fluence on a global scale. As a soldier diplomat his approach that diplomacy had lost one of was direct and sincere and

its most versatile personalities, sympathetic, and Britain one of the best of A keen s A keen sportsman with rest for living, his lively and approach problem broke through all th Commissioner both in Canberra and London was dis-tinguished by his determination of protocol, and barriers brought him many a success. to reconcile the countries of the Britain has reason to remember him with gratitude and New Commonwealth with those

Jack Crapp, a left hander who played seven Tests for England against Australia and South Africa in 1948-49, has died, aged 69.

The only Cornishman to have played for England, Crapp scored more than 23,000 runs :--and hir 38 centuries in 20 years with Gloucestershire. In 1934: he became their first profes. sional captain, and after retir-ing became a first class uming pire, standing in four Tests.

#### Correction

The obituary of Mr Chander : huri Mohamad Ali forme.

Prime Minister of Pakistan published in The Times or December 5, 1980, referred in correctly to the "Mohamad All formula" in discussing the formula in discussing terms of the 1956 constitution in the 1956 constitution in the least terms of the 1956 constitution in the least terms of th That term is generally used to describe a different formula and the describe a different formula and the describe and describe a different formula and the describe and descri put forward as a solution Pakistan's constitutional profit CC: lems in 1953 by the previou of Bogra.

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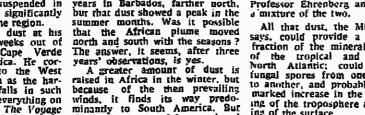
19: The Queen and the Duke 1
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Ediaburgh visits Bank of Entland's printing works at Loughton 1
20: Princess Anne, as Colonel 1
Chief. Royal Corps of Signal 1
attends TA all-ranks reception 1996

21: The Queen attends women hockey international, England Wales, at Wembley.

Wales, at Wembley.

22: The Prince of Wales, patron, international Year of Diabled People, visits Stockport connexion with mayor's appeal fit the handicapped: the Prince attends gala performance at Palacit Theatre, Manchester, to mark the reopening: Princess Anne. president of British Academy Pilm and Television Arts, present British Academy Awards British Academy Grosvenor House. 23: The Prince of Wales open Pagnell Street Centre, Depriord.

24: The Queen holds investitule at Buckingham Palace. 25: The Queen visits intelligent centre at Templer Barracks. Asl ford: The Queen visits Lees Castle.



ing of the surface, on the weather over a large area of

1981.

predominantly from South America. The African dust was brown, fine and almost entirely devoid of organic material. The South American dust, on the other hand, abounded with organic spe-ries. It seems possible therefore cies. It seems possible, therefore, that what Darwin collected and Professor Ehrenberg analyzed was

All that dust, the Miami group says, could provide a substantial fraction of the mineral sediments of the tropical and equatorial North Atlantic; could transport tungal spores from one continent to another, and probably causes a marked increase in the solar heating of the troposphere and a cool-

Surplus eggs: Sister Mary (left) and Sister Paul, Poor

Elections;
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The William Bate Hardy prize of the "Cambridge Philosophical Society has been awarded to Dr C. Milstein, of Fitzwilliam Col-lege, for his work on monoclonal

Elections
CORPUS CHRISTIE COLLEGE: Research fellowships: E. C. Norton, MA, of Corpus Christi College, and A. M. Sugden Msc. DPhil, of Wadham College, Oxford Fellow commonership for Easier term, 1981: J. G. Aldetson, Chirf Constable of Devos and Cornwall. Controls of Devon and Cornvall.

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for Easter term: J. D. Dallon, MA

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(Oxon) Professor-cleft of Experimental Raychology, and P. G. Capanova, Simon Bolivar Professor of Latinyear from Oct 1. Unofficial fellowship.
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Manchester Honorary degrees will be conferred in May and July on the following: LLO: Sir Frederick Laker: Emerius Professor R. A. C. Oliver, Mr G. E. Young Young.
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Agricultural Research Council: £31,465
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Commonwealth Bail at Grosvenor House; the Prince of Wales, as patron, the Royal Opera, attends recital in aid of Royal Opera House development appeal at Goldsmiths' Hall. 10: The Queen holds investiture at Buckingham Palace; Princess Ame. Colonel in-Chief. Royal Corps of Signals, visits Army Apprentices College, Harrogate; the Duke of Edinburgh lunches with members of 1975 Club at Farmers' Club; the Duke as

Patron of Air League, holds recep-tion at Buckingham Palace; the Duke dines with economics group of Reform Club at Reform Club; the Prince of Wales, as president, Royal Jubilee Trusts, gives reception at Buckingham Palace; the Prince dines with Association of American Correspondents American Correspondents Brown's Hotel. 11: The Prince of Wales dines with members of TUC at Congress

12: The Queen visits new head-quarters of the CBI at Centre Point; the Duke of Edinburgh, as patron of Industrial Society, attends "One People" Conference at Porter Tun Room, Whitbread's, Chiswell Street, the Prince of Wales attends board meeting of Commonwealth Development Corporation, 33 Hill Street Street.

13: The Duke of Edinburgh opens Freeman Chemicals Ltd's new laboratory at Deeside Industrial Westweether Mountain Mouth Wales; the Duke officially opens Wellesbourne Mountford Aerodrome of Smith Aviation Services

16: The Queen opens equine viral unit at isboratories of Animal Health Trust at Lauwades mal Health Trust at Lanwades Park, near Newmarket; the Duke of Edinburgh, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Oucen's Royal Irish patron and trustee of Duke of of The Queen's Royal Irish Edinburgh's Award, attends award. Hussars, visits regiment at Bhurt-scheme's twenty fifth anniversary pore Barracks, Tidworth.

31: The Duke of Edinburgh. patron of Conference on Hums Value, attends opening of con-ference at Festival Hall. 30 to April 12: The Prince Wales visits New Zealand.

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# Fashion

Suzy Menkes



# Moving up among the heavyweights

is a long hard haul from the end of Wigan pier to the bright lights of the West End. The cardigan has taken longer to make it than many a seasoned trouper, but this spring it can rightly call itself a star.

. I have seen the once-humble cardigan in every single designer collection — svelte, in cashmere at Yves Saint Laurent, chunky in chenille at Hardy Amies. There are cardigans knitted in silk and plain woollies embroidered with the most intricate gilded threads. There is now no fashionable occasion (Lanvin showed a lamé cardigan over a ball dress) when a cardigan does not look right.

The most popular cardigans for this spring are the heavy-weights.

that have elbowed out the jacket. a three piece suit, the colours and The vogue for padded shoulders did patterns of the wool cunningly a good deal to help the metamorphosis of the cardigan from droop-matched absolutely to plain trousers. that have elbowed out the jacket. The vogue for padded shoulders did a good deal to help the metamorphosis of the cardigan from drooping understudy to star performer. The shaping at the shoulders gave fresh life to knitwear, even for women who prefer the flattery of tailoring. The double-breasted or wrap-round cardigan jarket are wrap-round cardigan jacket are currently the most fashionable shapes, and they are frequently translated into fabric to make a cardigan jacket out of cloth. I think that the cardigan looks

or a lacy sweater. The snag is that this kind of integration is very expensive, so you have to forget the idea that the cardi suit might make a cheap, and cheerful substitute for a new spring jacket.

The alternative solution is to make a ruthless study of everything in your wardrobe and buy the one cardigan which will tone more or less with most of your existing much better as an integral part of separates. In practise, I think you an outfit than as an appendage, will find that this means navy or which is how it always used to be worn over a summer frock on the thick rib (Marks & Spencer have sea front. The most desirable an acrylic version in camel, navy cardigans are those sold as part of and red at £11.99) makes an

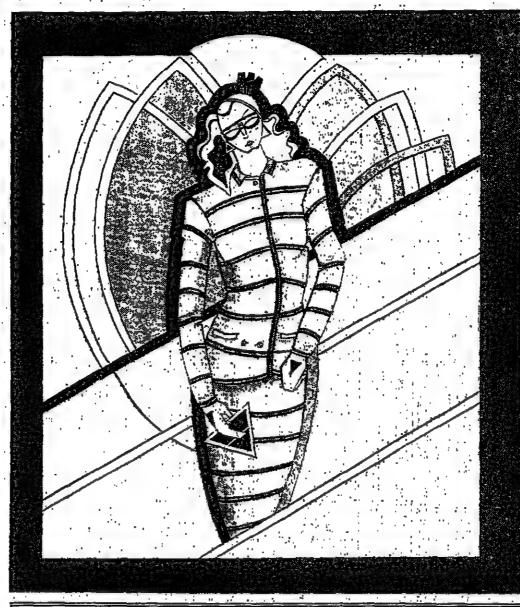
elegant jacket, if you wear it with this season's shorter skirts and a

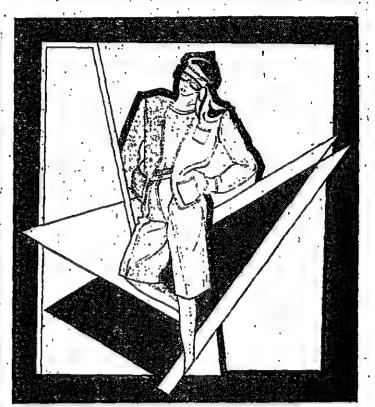
classy belt.

Because skirts are getting shorter,
the cardigans are getting longer, at
least covering your thighs and often growing down to three-quarter length. Worn with a pretty tie-necked blouse and a slim skirt, they really are smart enough to act as a

light spring coat.

The first intimations of stardom for the cardigan came just 60 years ago when Coco Chanel set up her little shop in Deauville and used the inspiration of her Milord English lovers to touch English country casuals with French chic. I think that Madame Chanel would be well pleased to see her protegée celebrating its diamond jubilee.





Left: The stylish cardigan suit in cotton knit by Adrian Cartmell for Crocodile, Jacket £85, skirt £63, in white,

taupe or turquoise, striped, sizes small, medium and large from Crocodile, Beauchamp Place, London SW3, The Piazza, Covent Garden, London WC2, Royal Exchange Shopping Centre, Manchester, Station Road,

Solihull, West Midlands, and branches. Above: Three piece shorts suit, jacket with contrast piping £59, matching top £41, bermudas £34.50, all pure wool in wine, cream or navy, from Arté, 12 South Molton Street, London W1 and 51 Brompton Road.

Above : Collarless double breasted, three quarter cardigan £28.40 in pure new wool in ten colours. fatching cords £15.40 both from Benetton, 40

Hampstead High Street, 23 Brompton Road, London and Dublin and Cork branches. Checked shirt

by Plume £15 from Crocodile, Hampstead, and branches. Shetland wool. brightly striped sweater £19:50, (children's £14) from W. Bill, 93 New Bond Street and 28 Old Bond

Street, London W1. Checked wool gloves £2.50, and Elbeo ribbed tights £4.50 all from Fenwicks of Bond Street, London W1. Leather moccasins, white, blue or red with contrast stitching £14.99 from main branches of Freeman Hardy

Make-up by Arlanne for Models One.

Hair by Lundy at Toni & Guy. Photograph by Jeany

rade Mark of Waterford Glass Ltd.



rust or black, pure wool skirt £29.95, in mint, peach, cream or navy and blouse £16.95, all by Reldan, sizes 10-16 from Barkers of Kensington, Frasers of Glasgow,

Below: Cardigan outfit with knitted chenille jacket £130. in brown, pink, blue or grey, exactly toning cotton shirt

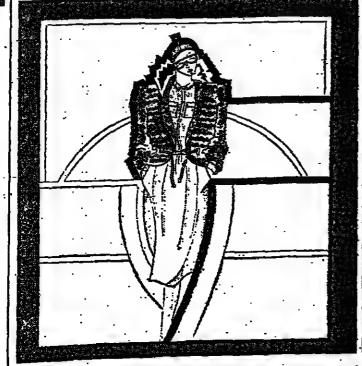
14 Savila Row, London W1.

Drawings by Susan MacKinley.



Rackhams of Birmingham and Kendal Milne of

Manchester. £85 and silk mix skirt £75 all by Hardy Amies,



# Snippets



broidered organza ball dress

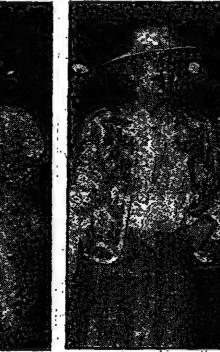
Princess Michael of Kent swooped on a trapeze shaped wool crepe dress by David and Liz Emmanuel and a floating

Indian silk evening dress for her continuing round of engagements before her new baby arrives in April.

Laura Ashley have found that

heir baggy dungarees, designed

for kids, have been snapped up by stylish mothers-to-be.



Crewel-embroidered Jacket with pleated wool: crepe skirt.





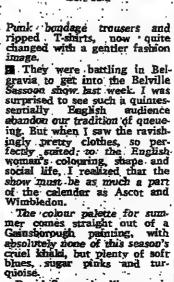
Spotted net blouse with flocked organiza skirt, All from Belville Sassoon. 73 Payilion Road, London SW1.

Perhaps the most surprising appearance was the smock worn by Maureen Lipman (pregnant not so real life but in her TV. series Agony). That innocent looking dress comes from Vivienne Westwood's shop World's End, the birthpl

Photographs by Harry Kerr-



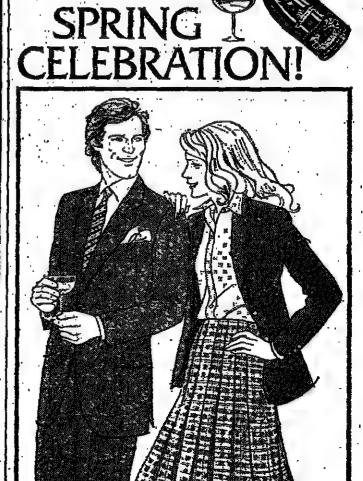
Printed creps de chine



David Sassoon's silhouette is neatly tailored with some delicious Crewel-embruidered jackets worn with pleated shirts and silk blouses to start the show Equally tidy are the navy crepe sailor collared outfits an Edwardian children's outfit tome of age.

Since English women seldom shine with chic in a little black dress, I absolutely approve of David Sassoon's frilled organza evening i blouses, silk taffera ball gowns, printed with a print of bows and decorated with real bows, and hand-painted

For less formal occasions prints and colours are equally pretty, but made up uno simple crepe de chine separates-like a slim silky coat over a soft skirt.

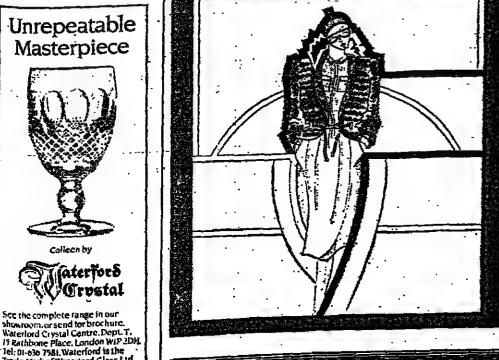


#### SPRINGTIME AT SIMPSON MEANS IRRESISTIBLE PRICES

This year, Simpson and their leading suppliers have designed and produced a range of quality Spring merchandise at advantageous prices. What's more, until the 28th February We'll give a bottle of Bollinger Champague to everyone who spends 1200 or more in the store in one day -so there's even more reason to celebrate!

Shown here: His DAKS two-piece suit £99.00, poly/cotton shirt £9.50, silk tie £3.95; Her DAKS blazer £89.00, DAKS skirt £45.00, DAKS shirt £22.00. Other super value items include: for men, DAKS two-piece suits £119 00, cotton shirts £16.50 and cashmere cardigans £49.50; for women, navy cashmere coats £275.00, Barkers shoes £29.00, wrap housecoats £26,00, and Charnos tights £1.45 for 2 pairs.





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#### Stock markets FT Ind 484.5, down 8.7 FT Gilts 69.09, up 0.08

# Sterling

Index 103.5, down 0.3

\$2.2570, down 2.85 cents

#### Index 102,2, up 1.1 DM 2.2472, up 277

# ■ Gold

# \$490.50, down \$3.00

#### Money . 3 mth sterling 134-134 3 mth Euro \$18}-18}

#### 6 mth Euro \$ 183-185 IN BRIEF

## :3.120m **EEC** fund o ease oil deficits

ity finance ministers have greed to open a 53,120m loan cliry to meet requests for nancial help from member stes with balance of payments ficits caused by the increasg cost of imported oil. Under the scheme the EEC ould raise loans either directly om the oil-producing countries on the international capital arkets and then relend the

The total endowment of the cility is somewhat less than te £3,650m proposed by the uropean Commission, mainly scause the West Germans con der this to be too high. The un approved does not include terest payments on any loans

Some member states had tially pressed for a ceiling more than £6,000m.

#### lediffusion sells out

Rediffusion, the television ling a controlling stake in its smaking Hongkong tele-tion station to an Australian assortium for £9.7m.
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#### hisky warning

e Scotch Whisky Association rs more duty increases in ct month's Budget could ise further sales downturns, i a threat to jobs in whisky duction and packaging.

#### ondon gold futures

the London Gold Futures rket announced that its new mrace would be iraded in louace lots and denominated sterling. Page 21

#### BI committee chief

Mr. Stephen Gibbs, chairman Turner & Newall, is to place Mr. Eric Sayers as arman of the energy policy nmittee of the Confederation British Industry.

#### vijobs lost

Booser Engineering, part of Kaye Organization, is trans-ring production of its range fork-lift trucks from Giltook, Notringham, to another oup plant at Blackwood, vent. About 150 workers at a Giltbrook plant will be

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acking for CCA Mr Reginald Eyre, under cretary of State for Trade, s given an assurance that the vernment is backing the counting Standards Comcounting . Standards itee's efforts to introduce trent cost accounting (CCA).

# 'all Street closed

Wall Street was closed sterday for the George Coal and Steel Community. sterday for the Georg PRICE CHANGES

13p to 170p 12p to 850p 4p to 64p 12p to 787p

# Sales push January retail figures almost 3 pc higher

department stores showed a surprisingly sharp jump in the weeks after Christmas, with the volume of retail sales rising almost 3 per cent in January after dechning steadily in earlier months, according to figures published yesterday. The monthly sales figures are seasonally adjusted to smooth out the effects of smooth out the effects of Christmas shopping and the winter clearance sales.

However, the only explanation that the Department of Trade could provide for the buying spree last month was that spree last month was that the winter sales were prov-ing more buoyant than in other

years.

Many shops are reported to have cut prices deeply to run down their stocks. Because of high interest rates, stocks have been expensive to finance on borrowed money.

At the same time, with taxes likely to rise in next month's Budget and memployment widely predicted to reach new high levels this year, it would

widely predicted to reach new high levels this year, it would appear that many people are taking advantage of price reductions to prepare for the leaner times which they expect ahead.

If seems possible that purchases have been deliberately delayed to take advantage of the post-Christmas sales. This would partly account for the decline in spending during Navember and December, although price promotions have been common in many of Britain's high streets for months. In spite of fierce price-cutting, the volume of retail sales rose only 1.25 per cent last year, compared to 1979. Consumers' expenditure, of which retail sales constitute

about half, showed almost no rise at all last year, in real This year the Treasury is ex-

Ithis year the Treasury is expecting consumers' spending to drop by about 0.75 per cent from the 1930 level. Because the prices of many goods and services provided outside the retail area—like fuel and transport—will rise faster than prices generally, there will be little scope for any increase in retail scope for any increase in retail sales during 1981 as a whole. The January increase in sales is therefore likely to be followed by a decline. Last month's rise was, however, shared by each of the main categories of resailing—food, clothing and footwear, household goods, mixed stores and "other" shops, like chemists book and photographic hemists, book and photographic

shops. Higher sales: With sales continuing in many shops through-out January and into this month, trade reports indicate a continuation of higher volumes at the cost of squeezed margins

(Derek Harris writes). But the Retail Consortium said last night that the down-turn in volume feared by most of the retail trade, except in food, could begin to set in by the end of this mouth. The department stores of the

John Lewis Partnership re-ported sales up 14 per cent by value in the first week of February, which was 5 per cent above estimates. Furnishing sales have been good and spring fashionwear has also been selling, with unusually mild weather possibly a factor. Colour television set sales

have remained more buoyant than expected throughout Janu-ary, with some other electronic goods also doing well, according to trade reports.

# Lonrho discloses plan for House of Fraser

international trading company, would continue to be based in Glasgow, and its board would closed yesterday.

Sir Hugh Fraser, deposed stores-group, chairman, would be brought back as head of House of Fraser.

Lonrbo said it would also review the basic strategy drawn up by the existing board, over which it has already expressed concern, with the purpose of ensuring the growth of a healthy operation to broaden the base of Lourho's United Kingdom operations. Lonrho said it intended that future management policies would maintain the high quality

The document brought immediate response from the

Excise revenue from spirits lid be £250m down on estibil for the 'House of Fraser' shareholders to reject the £50p the this financial year because is successful, Britain's biggest —a share—offer—as—"totally the decline in spirit sales. write to shareholders shortly to give Fraser's profits and divi-dends for the year to the end of last month, together with details of the revaluation of the group's 112 stores on which much of the takeover defence will be based.

Lourho's document did not contain two normal statements say ing that it intended to retain the present management and ownership of the whole group. Loarho's first date for acceptances will be in 21 days time, after which the offer will

Last night the Fraser share price eased a penny to 144p and Lonrbo remained unchanged at 99p.

About eight out of 10 shares on offer will go to private investors...

# Aerospace heavily oversubscribed

week's offer to the public of ther 27,000 applied for nearly. So per cent of British Aero twice the 2.38 million shares on twice was the large mimber of applications from small investors. Employees of the company applied for almost twice the number of shares available to them preferentially. More than 155,000 applicational free shares. available to them preferentially.

More than 155,000 applications were received for the 100
million shares at 1500 each.
leaving the issue three-andhalf times oversubscribed.

Kleinwort Benson, the issuing bouse, is giving preference to small investors, as promised by the Government, and it is esti-mated that more than 80 per cent of the shares on offer will, go to private investors. The company said that the group was "very encouraged" by the response, particularly by the large number of applications

Under the employee share minimum of 2,750 shares.

BP in group

British Petroleum is the third

member of a private consortium to declare an interest in run

ning a speech and data network

in competition with British

The others are Barclays Men-thant Bank and Cable and

Wireless, the state-owned tele

Barclays issued a private and confidential note to a selected number of City inves-

tors last September to test the market Cable and Wireless is

of American Telephone and Telegraph after brigation in the late 1960s.

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Scicon Computer Services of Milton Keynes, BP's subsidiary, could become involved.

C & W has brought two executives from its subsidiary, Cable and Wireless North

America, to supervise the survey now in progress. They are Mr Phillip Warwick and Mr

The Government is still study

ing a report commissioned last

year by the Department of In-

dustry on value-added services

The study was conducted by Professor Michael Beesley of the London Business School and

is expected to favour the private

sector being allowed to offer

selected services in competition with British Telecom.

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David Bull.

Although it is early in the

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By Bill Johnstone

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twice the 2.88 million shares on 1977

The allocation of shares to the public will be made so that applications for up to 700 shares will be accepted in full. Applications for more than 700 and up to 1,000 shares will receive 750 shares; applications for between 1,500 and up to 7,000 shares will be given 374 per tent of the total applied for, with a minimum allorment of 800 shares; and applications for 7,500 shares and above will get about 181 per cent of the total applied for, with a minimum of 2,750 shares.

British Aerospace, which was formed by the nationalization in 1977 of the British Aircraft Corporation, Hawker Siddeley and some small interests, is hoping to announce new aircraft projects later this week to encourage the first day of dealcourage the first day of dealing. This has had to be postponed from tomorrow until Friday because of the amount of paperwork involved.

The Government will inject £100m of the £150m raised by the issue back into British Aerospace in the form of new equity. After the sale, 21 per cent of the equity is foreign owned while the British Government retains effective control.

The total cost of the issue is estimated to be between £4m and £5m of which the company will bear only £1m of capital duty and about £150,000 in legal

The Department of Industry said that the underwriting and

Mr John Beckett: convinced of

Walker's declaration last week that he would accept a new EEC sugar quots of 1.15 million tonnes a year that tipped the

This quota, which is 58,000 tonnes more than the Commis-

sion's last offer to the British

Government, has not yet been settled. But Mr Beckett and

his board seem convinced that it will go through. The current quota totals 1.326 million

toones.

British Sugar has never pro

duced that much. In the 1979/80 campaign it produced 1.154 million tonnes and expectations

for the current campaign are

just over 11 million tonnes. Nevertheless, successive British

new EEC quota.

sub-underwriting fees repre-sented well over half the cost of the issue, but would not dis-close what additional fees are to be paid to Kleinwort Benson or to Lloyds Bank which acted as the receiving hank and registrar. On top of its own fee, Klein

worn Benson receives commis-sion of £2.63m, 11 per cent of the value of the issue, out of which it has to pay the subunderwriters' commiss per cent and the fees of Hoare Govett, Cazenove, and W. Greenwell, brokers to the offer for sale.

The question of when to reconsider the introduction of traded options in British Aerospace remains unsolved; and Mr Richard Westmacott, chairman of Hoare, Govett, said that it would be at least two or three months before anyone could gauge what "normal trading" in the shares was likely to be.

in 1975 no longer want it."

But this change in government policy is only the catalyst. Because the quota is likely to be cut back to British Sugar's

actual production level, the company believes it would be irresponsible to encourage

farmers to grow more. The company has contacts with

These contracts are due to be renewed about now. Farm-

beet to the four factories to be

assistance to transport the beet to other, more distant, fac-tories, and the subsidy will be

phased out,
But the company recognizes that it had not persuaded

farmers to plant more than about 210,000 hectares, which is

closed will be given fina

about 14,000 growers.

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#### More strong dollar gains over mark and pound By John Whitmore

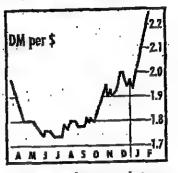
By John Whitmore
International investors continued to scramble aboard the dollar bandwagon yesterday, pushing it up strongly against both the pound and the Deutsche mark.

Sterling, which opened sharply lower after overnight trading in the Far East, dipped to \$2.2460 at one stage. Although this largely reflected the continuing movement of international money into the dollar, the pound was not helped by the pound was not helped by the threatened stoppages of

miners and water workers.

Accompanied by suggestions of Bank of England smoothing operations, sterling came off the bottom, and made a further modest recovery in response to the January trade figures. At the close the pound showed a net loss for the day of 2.85 cents at \$2.2570. But it remained firm against most other currencies and its index

against a basket of currencies finished only 0.3 lower at 103.5. Once again the Deutsche mark came under heavy pres-sure with the dollar rising above DM2.2550 at one stage. Later the dollar slipped back slightly to close with a net gain of 2.77 prennigs at DM2.2472.



Foreign exchange markets are awaiting President Reagan's statement on the United States economy, due to be delivered to Congress tomorrow. The markets are looking for sub-stantial reductions in federal spending as well as a strong commitment to fighting infla-

about 210,000 hectares, which is not enough to meet tha 1.3 million quota, and that consumption is falling in the United Kingdom. It has fallen by some 400,000 tonnes over five years to the present 1.3 million tonnes, as glucose has grown steadily more attractive to industrial users. The expectation is that the fight to control inflation will entail relatively high interest rates in both nominal and real terms for some months to come.
By contrast there is a strong expectation that the United This supply surfeit forced Tate & Lyle to announce last month that it was to close its Liverpool refinery. Some market proposes your feel that Kingdom Government is about to lower sterling interest rates, probably in the Budget on March 10 or soon afterwards. The Germans would probably like to lower their interest rates on domestic considerations but are in no position to do so while the Deutsche mark remains under such intense pressure in the foreign exchange markets. Indeed, the central bank's

recent money market operations have been designed to keep domestic interest rates very Selling of equities: The possibility of a confrontation with the miners produced a sharp reaction on the London Stock Market yesterday (Michael Clark writes), Jobbers reported clark writes), Jobbers reported heavy selling of equities as the long three week account entered the mid-way stage and the Charterhouse group reported that the current "slump" would get worse.

The FT index tumbled 8.7 to 484.5, its worst fall since December 11, Sentiment was also hit by summers that one of also hit by rumours that one of the smaller City financial

institutions was in trouble. Government securities recov-Financial Editor, page 19

# conducting a survey to gauge market expectations from such C & W has extensive exper-tise, particularly in the United States, in offering "value added services". The company's services." The company's American subsidiaries include C & W Incotel, experts in message switching equipment; TDX Systems, which provides telecommunications management and control services, and Carterfone Communications Corporation which broke the monopoly of American Telephone and

By Philip Robinson separate major division of the include directors with extensive experience of the Fraser group's operations, Lowho dis-

Its intentions were set out in Lourno's formal offer document to Fraser shareholders. This makes no mention of whether

of House of Fraser goods to safeguard the reputation of the group stores, including the unique international prestige of group Harrods,

S. G. Warburg, House of Fraser's merchant bank advi-sers, said it was odd that be open for a further 14 days.

Lonrho is offering nothing to holders of any of the three Fraser non-voting preference shares. Under takeover rules, it does not have to, but it is usual to include these in any offer on a takeover of this

Financial Editor, page 19 the Commons.

# 750 British Sugar redundancies that those people who were cheering on 1.3 million tonnes

The British Sugar Corpora-tion is to close four beet sugar factories, Mr John Beckett, referred in a statement mark-ing an important change in the structure of the British sugar market, The

It is a difficult moment for British Sugar, which is await-ing the outcome of a Monopolies Commission report into a £121m bid for the company by S. & W. Benisford, the commodity traders.
The closures mark the end of

British Sugar's aggressive expansionist policy in recent years and could give the troubled Tate & Lyle breathing space which it needs to make its cane refineries profitable. Mr Beckert said the factories to be closed were at Felsted, Essex; Ely, Cambridgeshire; Selby, North Yorkshire, and Not-tingham: About 750 jobs will be lost, as well as another 500

temporary jobs available durseason (the campaign).

Treated as individual concerns, each of these factories loses money, being too small and, old-fashioned. The total loss last year was between f3m and £4m. The costs of closing would be about £23m, of which £3.5m was closure costs and the

Mr Beckett said.

Although it has been known for several years that these per cent stake in the company, and possibly four more of have encouraged it to produce improve Tate's chances of up to 1.3 million tonnes.

Mr Beckett said yesterday: refineries profitably.

# Lloyd's chief wants backing Pergamon's for self-regulation Bill

By Richard Allen

But the success of the ven-ture will depend on whether Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Industry allows such "value added services" to be provided by the private Insurance Correspondent Mr Peter Green, chairman of Lloyd's, has written to the mar-ket's 20,000 members seeking their help to smooth the parhamentary passage of the draft Bill to improve self-regulation. A debate on the Bill, which has run into opposition from some Lloyd's members and a number of Conservative MPs on several counts, is expected to take place in the Commons next

minister to sell Cable and Wire less. During the second reading of the Bill, the suggestion of a Mr Green said members had given overwhelming support to said that his committee had the proposals. He urged them found a process by which this to call on their MPs to attend could be achieved C & W sale caused uproar in

the debate, to ensure that the Bill moved into committee "where the parious points at issue can be discussed in de-

He said four aspects had led to concern and declared: "! am certain that common ground can be reached on all these One particular cause of criti-

cism has been the absence of a clause ensuring that Idoyd's will have the necessary power to deal effectively with "fraudulent" behaviour. Mr Green.

# **BPC** deal

to industrial users.

would result in BPC becoming a publicly-quoted subsidiary of

As part of the restructuring, Lord Kearton will be appointed as non-excutive chairman of

The British Printing Corpora-tion will become a subsidiary of Mr. Robert Maxwell's Per-gamon Press under a conditional agreement reached yesterday.

A. statement from BPC, the printing and publishing group, said the agreement between Pergamon, BPC and its bankers; National Westminster, involved Pergamon Injecting £10m of new capital into BPC.

If this is approved by a meeting of shareholders, it

Pergamon.

## ered after an early setback after the trade figures showing a rise of fi on the day.

#### Private steel company granted £1.2m for modernization front of rationalization in the British Steel Corporation and high alloy special steels indusprivate steel companies. in a statement yesterday. Concern among the Govern-

Industrial Editor

Middle Wits Philips Lamps Ranger Oil

THE POUND

Rio Tinto Zinc

The Government is to provide a grant of up to 5450,000 to Aurora Steels as part of a £1.2m

modernization, and rationalization package. The company, a subsidiary of Aurora Holdings, the Sheffield-based steel and engineering group, has negotiated the grant from the Department of Industry under section 7 of the Industry Act. The grant will be supplemented by a loan of £836,000 from the European

Auròra has been at the fore-

try. It formed its steel subsidiary after buying Edgar Allen-Balfour and Samuel Osborne during the past three years. The announcement follows

several months of negotiations and the shedding of 2,000 workers from Aurora's total labour force over the past year. But like all steelmakers, it has faced difficult trading and within the private sector there are fears of further substantial redundancies arising from the Government's attempts to reduce the overlap between the

There is growing concern at the level of financial assistance which the Government is planning to make available to the BSC, and ministers expect considerable, criticism from their back-bench MPs tomorrow back-bench MPs tomorrow when the Bill adjusting the

corporation's borrowing powers

is due; to receive a second

reading.

The Bill provides an increase of £500m to a new ceiling of £5,000m in British Steel's total borrowings, with provision for that ceiling to be raised to £7,000m.

right wing Monday Club to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, which said that the plan to reconstruct the BSCs finances could deal a "fatal bluw" to the indepen-dent companies deut companies.

The provision of the grant to Aurora, based on the criteria that it will help to safeguard existing jobs, will be seen by other private sector companies as a possible means of securing assistance for their own restruc-

ment's own supporters has been Aurora—which recorded a fall in first-half profits last year to right wing Monday Club to Sir £2.05m from £2.6m in the corresponding period a year ear-lier—said that the grant and loan would be used to invest in new plant, to carry through
the planned closure of its
Bradford steelmaking operation
and to concentrate most of the
group's steel production at
Openshaw, Manchester and
Ecclesfield, Sheffield.

After the reorganization Aurora Steels will have a tota capacity of 10,000 tonnes and will employ about 850.

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# Distributor of wood-burning stoves out to raise £330,000 with shares

# Euroflame offers a hot tip to the market

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Followers of The Good Life, the television series in which a suburban couple abandoned modern household fittings to pursue a more natural lifestyle, may view with approval the latest applicant to the Stock Exchange's Unlisted Securities Market.

Unreferme Holdings, which is

stake in the company and is proposing to place 35.87 per-cent of the 20p shares, at 30p.

The proceeds will be used to the yield is 10 per cent and the expand the group which is p/e ratio is 6.7.

Euroflame reckons it has 50 per cent of the wood burning vision advertising campaign in and solid fuel heating and cook-

per cept stake in Euroflame and Mr John Viall, chairman and managing director, will hold 6.5 per cent while Mr Wynn lones, the founder, will retain 2

Dividends totalling 3p gross are promised for the current financial year and although there is no profits forecast because only six weeks' trading are behind the group and 60 per cent of transport is made beper cent of turnover is made be-tween October and December, Mr Viall said that he would

by its unit sales of 7,500 last year, it probably has captured about 1 per cent of the United Kingdom cooker market.

Although Euroflame estimates that wood costs about £30 a

plentiful after Dutch Elm disease, will shortly become more expensive.

City dwellers who have never been able to tap an easy supply of logs may be equally reluctant to renovate the coal cellar, despite rising prices of oil and eas.

stoves and cookers sell for between £200 and £850 each, which is cheaper than other solid fuel cookers like Aga which retail for about £1,200 burn products in price.

decor and a more homespun approach to living.

SERVICES LIMITED The group provides a specialist scaffolding and insulation service primarily used in process plant maintenance programmes.

# "Profitability maintained"

·· reports Arthur Britton, Chairman **INTERIM RESULTS** 

20.30.9.80 to 30.9.79 to 31.3.80 £000 9,600 21,067 14,000 Turnover 1,492 Pre-tax profit

Points from the Chairman's Statement

 Successful completion of first fluid bed furnace. Centinuing strong contribution from North Sea Oil related activities.

net per share. The Company's shares are traded on The Over-the-Counter Market. Details of this market together with copies of the full Interim Statement are available from the Secretary, Deborah Services Limited,

10 South Parade, Wakefield, Yorkshire. Telephone: 0924-78222.

Interim dividend raised by 10% to 1.21p



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Euroflame Holdings, which is raising £330,000 through a placing with dealings starting on February 25, is a distributor of wood and solid fuel burning cookers and heaters. The company was formed in 1976, the year of the very dry summer. But by the end of last year turnover reached

£1.57m with pre-tax profits at

£278,000. Last October Tring Hall Securities took a 75 per cent Tring Hall will retain a 55.5

per cent.

be disappointed with profits of ton compared with £70 for the less than £450,000 on sales of same amount of cont, supplies 53m. At the 30p placing price, of timber, which have been

and solid fuel heating and cook-ing appliance market Judging

Mr Viall and Tring Hall be-lieve that with increased consciousness about energy costs, the area is ripe for expansion particularly because a Belgian group which manufactures under the brand name, Efel, its main supplier, has designed the equipment to be used with smokeless fuel as well as logs.

On top of that; Euroflame's

but are comparable with Ray Rival distributors claim that the market, traditionally linked with farm houses, is unlikely to expand dramatically beyond those concerned with quaint

Rosemary Unsworth

servative)

to BSC

Sir, Last week's holding statement on the British Steel Cor-

poration finances, by the Minister of State Norman

Tebbit, showed that the Gov-

ernment recognized the almost

incidental damage which could

have been done to the existence

of the up to now profitable

private sector of the industry,

through giving a blank cheque

It would be a political para-

dox and industrial disaster if

a Tory Government accepting

"slings and arrows"

adherence to market discip-

lines, with inevitable loss in

popularity, should at the same

time become the instrument of bringing about by proxy a totally nationalized United

Up to BSC's disastrous strike in 1980, the nationalized cor-poration had lost £1.528m, while independents in the overlap

area have made profits of mere

than £700m in the same period.

Both sectors are now faced with a disastrous recession in

demand · some retrenchment in

capacity is now inevitable, without reference to ideological divisions. Mr Ian MacGregor has shown he sympathizes with the plight of the independents

Kingdom steel industry.

# Saudis near agreement on IMF loan

The International Monetary Fund and Saudi Arabia appear close to an agreement under which the latter would lend the fund billions of dollars to help it to meet increasing pressure from member countries for loans, according to monetary sources in Washington.

Under it Saudi Arabia would lend the equivalent of between \$3,700m and \$5,000m (between £1,608m and £2,174m) annually of surplus oil revenues over the next three years.

#### Anti-dumping duty

An anti-dumping duty of 4 per cent has been imposed by the European Commission on imports from the United States styrene monomer, a raw material used in the manufacture of plastics. American sales into Europe, helped by artificially-low energy and feedstocks costs, rose 31 per cent between 1978 and the first half of last

#### Controls relaxed

Mr Owen Horwood, South African finance minister, has announced minor relaxations of foreign exchange control procedures. Travel allowances to other countries will be raised to 4,000 rand a year (about £1,900) and to 7,500 rand for business travel.

#### Oantas losses

level since 1967. Deliveries to the domestic market were down by almost 30 per cent, largely because of increased imports from the United States, according to the British Man-made Fibres Federation.

Publication of the figures yesterday coincided with a lobby of MPs by several thousand workers in the clothing, textiles and footwear industries.

Before the lobby, which was organized by the Trades Union Council, clothing union leaders said that unless there was an improvement in the industry's fortunes about 100,000 jobs could be lost in 1981.

According to the Textile Statistics Bureau in Manchester employment in the cotton and Qantas, Australia's international airline is losing A\$3m (£1.5m) a day because of strikes which have stranded thousands of passengers. A spokesman said all but one of the girline's 22 aircraft are

#### Hungarian loan

The National Bank of Hungary is raising \$150m (£65m) through a consortium led by Kuwalt Foreign Trading, Con-tracting and Investment Company (KFTCIC) and Arab Banking Corporation.

#### £130m Colombian deal

An Italian consortium including GIE and Impregilo, the Fiat subsidiary, has won a 315,000m e (about £130m) contract to bulld a hydroelectric plant at Betauiz on the Magdalena river in Colombia.

## Cambridge unit to develop new technology for share of licence fees

# Commercial consultancy will help inventors

ploitation of inventions and new technology has been opened by Cambridge Consultants, the Arthur D. Little sub-sidiary in Cambridge Science Park. sidiary in Cambridge Science Park. Cambridge Enterprises, an independent unit within the consultancy, will work for clients in return for a share in licence fees and royalties. The new unit, headed by Dr Robert

Hook, will invest in development leading to prototypes and will meet other expenses at its own risk. But it will apply stringent criteria in its choice of inventions, accepting only those which, for example, will fulfil a sizable market need, can be protected by patents or otherwise, and are demonstrable with a limited amount of

The company will require exclusive management rights, but will forgo them if agreed results have not been achieved within a specified period. Inventors will normally share revenues equally with the

company.
Cambridge Consultants has already launched a number of products from its own research and development and this work is expected to continue.

An instrument that uses two laser beams to measure air pollutants over wide areas and in three dimensions has been developed for the Electric Power Research Institute in the United States by SRI International (formerly Stanford Research

Institute).

The device, which is mounted in a trailer, is known as a differential absorption lidar, or Dial. Lidar (light direction and ranging) works in a manner similar to rader (radio direction and ranging). Laser pulses are transmitted and reflected and then measured on their return. Beams of ultraviolet laser light are

Slump in

textiles

industry

Employment in the cotton and allied textile industries declined by almost a third and output by about a quarter during 1980.

At the same time production of man-made fibres fell by almost 25 per cent to its lowest level since 1967. Deliveries to

employment in the cotton and allied textile industry fell by more than 19,500 to 63,530 in 1980.

Production of man-made fibres in 1980 was only 449,730

## **Technology News**

swept across a plume of emissions from a chimney stack and the concentrations gases present are measured. The instrument can be used to survey an area as far as two miles from the emission source to determine where pollutants descend to earth.

Gases such as sulphur and nirrogen dioxides are given off when fossil fuels are burned to generate electricity. Limits have been set on such emissions, but it has been difficult to follow their dispersion after leaving the stacks.'

The Dial system has been tested at Commonwealth Edison's Kincaid generating station near Springfield, Flinois, and it is now likely to be leased by other electric installations.

Dr Glenn Hilst, of the research institute, says that the new instrument collects in one hour data equal to that gathered by 1,000 ground-based airsampling stations.

The institute, based in Palo Alto, California, is a non-profit research organization funded by more than 630 electric utility companies in the United States. SRI International is based in Menlo Park; near Palo Alto.

BMW, the German motor group and a leader in the application of micro-processors for cars, has devised a system which it claims will tell drivers when their vehicles need servicing.

The system was developed by BMW

engineers at the company's headquarters at Munich to cut out unnecessary servicing

On the choice of location, Mr

Matthews said: "We were pri-marily interested in the avail-

ability of a skilled workforce good communications and land

for expansion for the future.

"But a large part of our

But a large part of our choice was the warm welcome we received from Gwent County Council and the considerable amount of help we had from the Welsh Office. Negotiations which in other countries have taken a long time were speeded through in a matter of months."

The company, which was founded in Ontario in 1973 by

Mr Matthews, who is Welsh, and Dr Michael Cowpland, an-other British engineer, has

doubled its sales every year since its inception.

"There can be few com-panies with such a record for

constantly achieving its sales

targets. It is almost becoming a bore," Mr Matthews said.

But he predicted that the rapid growth would continue. The

company is now the world's

largest manufacturer by volume of PABX units.

Details are being finalized

on a contract to supply British Telecom with two models.

£32.5m Welsh plant

will bring 3,000 jobs

Directors of the Canadian-based Mitel Corporation yester-day announced details of a £32.5m investment in a new

European beadquarters in South

The plant, at Caldicot, Gwent, will provide 1,700 jobs by the end of 1984 and as many as 3,000 jobs by 1990, considerably more than the expansion

plan announced earlier this

The company will build a 265,000 sq ft factory on an 18-acre site purchased from the Welsh Development Agency.

A large number of employees will be former steelworkers. The company has applied for a £16m

loan from the European Coal

and Steel Community, and the British Steel Corporation is to help with re-training. The Government will also provide a

regional development grant.

Mr Terry Matthews, Mitel's

executive vice-president, said the plant would be a design centre for integrated circuits as

well as a manufacturing centra for PABX telephone switch-

boards. The company hopes to produce up to 30,000 units a year at the plant, with more than 60 per cent going for

on the assumption that because everybody drives a car in a different manner, milage alone is a poor indicator of when to visit the garage.

A microelectronic monitor provides in stant information about the state of the car's engine by recording the engine speeds that have been achieved, the milage, the engine oil temperature, and

the time since the last service.

Herr Wolfgang Peter Flohr of BMWs customer service department said; "Just consider stop and go traffic in congested cities, of the many times you start your car with the engine still cold, especially in winter, of the numerous warming-up phases with the engine running at high

speeds. "Compared with such running conditions, long distance motoring with the engine at a constant temperature and engine speeds in the upper 'rev' range is quite a different matter."

The date for the introduction of the system as a standard feature has not been decided but future BMW owners will find on the dashboard a panel of five green, one yellow and three red lights.

When the ignition is switched on, one or more of the green lights will come on to indicate the period up to the next service. When the engine fires, the green lamps go off and if the sensors detect that a service is needed, the yellow light will be

witched on.

The red lights will come on only if the service interval has been exceeded. At the garage, a mechanic can cancel the lights and reset the system.

Kenneth Owen and **Edward Townsend** 

# by agreeing to talks. However, it would be fool-

Sir Leslie Murphy, the for-mer chairman of the National Enterprise Board, believes that the nationalized industries the nationalized industries should be reconstituted as Companies Acr concerns whose shares are held by four new holding companies.

Sir Leslie, who resigned from the NEB over the Government's decision to take over direct re-sponsibility for Rolls-Royce, said in a lecture to the Institute of Administrative Management last night that holding com-panies should be established to cover the state owned energy,

They would have powers and duties similar to the policy councils advocated five years ago in a report to the National Economic Development Office.

and the strategies required to achieve them, and establishing performance criteria appro-priate to the individual indusachieve them, and establishing our importers have been pay-performance criteria appro-priate to the individual indus-try, endorsing corporate plans and monitoring performance.

## State holding companies advocated

transport, communications and industrial industries.

They would be charged with agreeing corporate objectives

Sir, The article written by Patricia Tisdall (January 26) headed "How Your Buying Department Could Save You a Fortune " raises the vital issue of reducing manufacturing in dustries costs and claims that the British Institute of Mana-gement's recent report on this issue demonstrates how a 2 per must make a nonsense and in this particular instance entailed the importer in an additional cost of 14 per ceut

issue demonstrates how a 2 per cent reduction in the cost of purchases can yield a 10 per cent addition to profit.

The report, however, makes no mention of the saving that could be achieved by British importers if only they paid greater attention to the apprepriate use of currencies when placing orders on overseas supp. placing orders on overseas suppliers.
The vast bulk of imports

into this country are invariably paid for in foreign correncies, which means that the United Kingdom importer must either "take a view" on the future trend of the exchange rate, which is rather akin to running a casino, or he must buy the appropriate currency, forward. As most currencies in which we pay for our imports have been at a premium for the last 30 years it means that

Cutting import costs For example, a recent purchase of capital equipment from Germany payable in Deutschmarks over three years entailed the importer paying an additional sum by way of premium of no less than £300,000 purely for the privilege of paying his supplier in his own currency. This situahis own currency. This situation, at a time when we are all living in a buyer's marker,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

cipline had been applied.

and by positive intervention under the Industry Act, or

contraction or merger is

required the Secretary of State

has the power and the respon-sibility to ensure the national

Let ministers insist on the

establishment of Phoenix I— the marrying of Cardiff and BSC Scunthorpe, before hand-ing over the cash.

port for private enterprise.

MICHAEL GRYLLS,

Conservative Industry

House of Commons,

Chairman,

Finance for UK steel

or the face value of his order. In the case illustrated above as well as other imports from countries whose currencies are at a premium, the importer should insist on a firm sterling price calculated as near to the

spot rate as he can negotiate. It is estimated that, as a nation, our importers on average must be incurring an additional cost of between 5 per cent and 10 per cent on the vast majority of our imports and if the BIM report is anything to go by, a reduction in this figure would have an enormous effect on the profitability and competitiveness of British industry.

Yours faithfully,

A. D. P. EDWARDS, 209, Seddon House, Barbican, London, EC2Y 8BX.

# Too high a

price for

Maria Walion Barrell And State of State

#### From Mr Michael Grylls, MP hardy to leave this retrench-for North West-Surrey (Con-servative) hardy to leave this retrench-ment solely in the hands of a-bankrupt Corporation, only kept flat fare' alive by colossal transfusions of taxpayers money, at the expense of those independents who would have been the sole surbuses

vivors if the pure market dis-From Mr Arthur Super Sir, London Transport ha. The main task of BSC must announced its intention to introbe to manage the integrated strip mills and heavy plate and section mills, which are its duce a 25p "flat fare" on more than 250 suburban bus routes a the beginning of April. This monopoly in the United Kingwill mean the disappearance of dom and constitute thres-quarters of its business. In financing this, the Government the present minimum fare o which will beyond an doubt cause hardship to man must ensure, by Directions under the Iron and Steel Acts,

people. I was astonished to read that London Transport intends p administratively, that the BSC rescue operation is not done at the expense of independent producers in the overlap area. bring in the 25p fare ever though it expects that up to 4 per cent of the passengers now using the 12p fare will sto using buses.

For years and years short distance passengers have been a substantial part of bus (antube) travellers. Is it not the height of madness to fix a "fla fare" at a level that will driv away a large part of the peopl on whom London Transpor must depend for its revenue. The advantages of "flat fare-travel will be bought at to high a price. Yours faithfully,

A. SUPER, 49 Clapton Common, London E5 9AA. February 2.

## Authentic tartan

From Dr A. W. F. Ersking Sir, I note with interest the caption beneath the photograp in the business section of Th Times of February 3."... No all tartans are as authentic a this Erskine".

I wonder how authentic i authentic; I had always bee given to understand that min like that of all lowland familie had been devised in the reig of George IV by a Pole in Edit burgh. The authentic tartar were those worn by the high land clans proscribed after Culloden as an emblem of the Jacobites. The grandfathers of the lowlanders who came out it this picturesque fancy dreawould have turned in the graves at this adoption of suc savage highland customs.

Being no kill-joy, however, may say that I have wor my present kilt—Erskine—ft nearly 50 years on appropria occasions. Yours faithfully,

A. W. F. ERSKINE. 130 Walm Lane. London-NW2 4RT. February: 5.

# NatWest now in Sweden

National Westminster Bank is pleased to announce the opening of its new Representative Office

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# Strength in diversity

In his annual statement to shareholders, Mr. E. S. Margulies, Chairman, reports that, despite a most difficult year and continuing high interest rates, turnover and profits reached new record levels.

A total dividend for the year of 9.75p net per share is recommended—an increase of 30% on last year's payment—together with a 1-for-2 scrip issue.

Shareholders Funds now amount to

£163 million-an increase of £44 million, whilst borrowings at the year end have been substantially reduced compared with the previous year. Referring to the bid for British Sugar

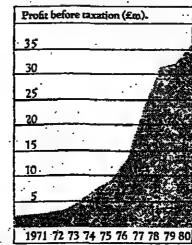
Corporation, which is currently being considered by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Mr. Margulies says: "We remain convinced that there is no aspect of the proposed acquisition which could either detract from the degree of competition which aiready exists in the sugar market or which could in

any way be found to be against the public interest. We further remain convinced that a merger between the two companies would serve the best interests of our shareholders, the shareholders in the Corporation, the farmers, the employees of both companies and H.M. Government which would have the opportunity to divest itself of an investment in the private sector."

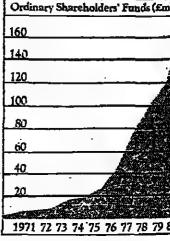
The Chairman concludes his statement:

"It has been a most difficult year for all of us but our results, of which we are justly proud, prove the continuing strength which lies in diversity, and the

further strength which lies in our inherent liquidity.
It seems probable that the present world-wide recession will be with us for some time. Nevertheless, we are as determined as ever that our growth will continue and that our shareholders will continue to receive as generous a return on their investment as they have received hitherto."



Year ended 30th September £ million £ million Turnover 2,452.54 Profit before taxation 36.12 52.23 Ordinary Shareholders' 27.05 25.53 Ordinary Dividend 10.15 6.69 Shareholders' Funds 163.28 119.54 Earnings per share 28.03p 27.66p Dividend per share (net) 9.75p 7.50p Dividend times covered **3.78** 



Copies of the Annual Report, containing the Chairman's Statement in full, may be obtained from The Secretury, S & W Berisford Limited, Berisford House, 50 Mark Lane, London EC3R 7QI. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Tower Hotel, St. Katharine's Way, London E1 at 12 noon on Monday, 9th March 1981.

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## BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# BAe proves the small investor is still alive

inyone and everyone connected with the tritish Aerospace launch were patting hemselves on the back yesterday over its ncouraging reception.

In contrast, the stockmarket was taking he more prosaic view that the 3½ times ver subscription was not as great as spected, although it is quite likely that a umber of institutions had pulled in their

agging horns because of the medium-term rofit worries implicit in the prospectus.

The overriding impression is that the ublicity machine put into top gear for this Government privatization step has icked in many more small investors, ullible or otherwise, than a run-of-the-mill ffer for sale.

Excluding employees, the 155,000 applica-ons is a very high figure compared with ty the 36,000 applications for the 88 times ver subscribed Eurotherm issue two years 30. While it is always hard to generalize bout the source of share applicationsstitutions do not always apply in their own mes and wealthy individuals often use a minee—the sheer weight of small investor terest has allowed this to be satisfied in Il. Best guesses yesterday were that ughly 80 per cent of the 100m shares on fer will end up in small shareholders'

leinwort Benson, the issuing house, mainined yesterday that in arriving at the basis allocation while satisfying the Govern-ent's wish to favour small shareholders it 'is taken full regard of institutional demand well and if it is right there is unlikely to much pent-up demand from institutions ustrated by the basis of allocation.

Yet that 80/20 split bardly corresponds to e normal pattern of equity shareholdings. ) even though there is a ready institutional openie for a much better than average igineering share like. BAe, the degree of rivate stagging in this issue suggests there uld be a steady tap especially if the stockarket has as poor a run-up to the budget : it did yesterday.

The institutions will then not be willing chase the price too high and the expected per cent premium when dealings start on riday may not last all that long.

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earing .

rice movements tell their own story as the ready fall of the shares of Aurora Holdings, private steel maker and engineer; shows. ver 18 months the shares have fallen from p to only 26p now; the stock market feels at after a maintained interim dividend, the tal is in some doubt, yet the balance sheet stronger than it might appear at first

Yesterday Aurora announced the successraising of nearly £1.3m of new money at ourable rates from the Department of lustry and the European Steel and Coal mmunity. These loans which were first quested in 1979, will be used to rationalize group's steel activities, which, after the juisition of Samuel Osborne and Edgar len, are now to be concentrated in two es instead of seven.

But steel only accounts for some 15 pernt of the group's business. The rest is a atter of engineering companies, most of tich have followed the engineering trends Britain and have been under recessionary essure. But the two companies in New aland and Australia are highly profitable. Although profits will inevitably be sub-antially down on the £3.8m, however, urora may survive the present recession tter than some which are in the same

Over the past year it has taken action to prove its finances. It has sold properties divarious assets in an attempt to reduce

uncomfortable borrowings.

In last year's balance sheet, borrowings re 107 per cent of shareholders' funds, t thanks to the action taken—even though terest payments will rise from some £3.5m probably £6.5m-it has managed to dear slightly to around 100 per cent of share-

ders's funds. Stocks which in the balance sheet appear £44m have almost certainly fallen. If the

recession tapers off soon and is followed by a recovery a highly-geared company like Aurora could yet stage a sharp recovery.

The shares are on a prospective yield of 8.3 per cent assuming no final and a p/e ratio of around 5 if the group makes, say, £2.75m profit—but that is an optimistic

#### House of Fraser Lonrho applies

Not surprisingly, the offer document from Lonrho detailing its 150p a share cash bid for House of Fraser is a slim volume. Mr Rowland's camp, presumably feeling that only a Monopolies Commission reference or the emergence of a counter-bidder could bar its path, does not feel it necessary to waste words on exhortations to Fraser shareholders at this stage.

Interestingly, a proforma statement of combined assets, deducting the £161m total cost of the bid from group resources—but of course ahead of Fraser's much vaunted asset revaluation—shows a combined group with net assets of 174p and gearing, excluding Lonrho's confirming activities, of around 75 per cent.

After the revaluation, however, combined ner assets could presumably rise from £453m to something over 600m and reduce gearing to nearer 50 per cent, producing what looks like a very good deal for Lonrho in balance sheet terms, notwithstanding the traditional argument about returns on retail

The revaluation, of course, will be a major plank of Fraser's defence, but one which Lonrho may not have too much difficulty in knocking down. Its own shares stand at 99p, representing a 43 per cent discount on net assets; Woolworth's share price is but third of assets on a historical valuation

and Debenham's under a half.

Meanwhile, with full-year figures approaching which could put an exit p/e ratio on Lonrho's offer of something like 18, Professor Roland Smith's team at Fraser may have their work cut out even to push Lonrho up to 175p a share mark, which market observers see as the optimum figure.

• A casual observer may be forgiven if he found himself bemused by yesterday's events. Here was the Department of Trade reporting by far the biggest monthly trade surplus ever recorded—a massive £957m on current account—yet there was sterling finishing the day almost 3 cents lower against the dollar at \$2.2570.

As far as sterling's performance is con-cerned, the explanation is very simple. Inter-national investors are continuing to scramble aboard the dollar bandwagon, as fast as they can. President Reagan is the man of the moment; the dollar the currency of the moment. How long all this will last is another matter. Certainly, the free fall possibilities given any reversal in sentiment are frightening.

On the face of it, there is no reason why the present honeymoon period with the dollar under new management should not last for some time. Tomorrow the President will unveil a major programme of public spending cuts. The Federal Reserve has already pinned its colours to the mast of

So what are the problems? First, there is the question of the overall fiscal strategy. Taking in proposed tax cuts, will the overall package add up? Secondly, there is the question of the Fed's response to what the President proposes. The niggling doubt on this score must be that a promising looking fiscal package might be used to justify the acceleration in dollar interest rate cuts that some European governments are now extremelo keen to see.

What, then, of the UK's January trade sur-plus? Even allowing for a number of favourable factors, such as a particularly favourable position on the oil account, the surplus is enormous and looks to be almost wholly attributable to the continuing impact of domestic destocking on imports. While that suggests further improvement in the liquidity position of the corporate sector, it also raises the question as to the nature of the balancing outflow on capital account.

#### Hugh Stephenson

# A waking nightmare for the Chancellor

The letters MTFS may not instantly evoke a response from the man in the Clapham omnibus, but they must now be haunting the waking hours of Sir Geoffrey Howe in the run up to his third full Budget and the strategy is the March 10.

For at the heart of the strategy is than the March 1980 version. Clapham omnihus, but they must now be haunting the waking hours of Sir Geoffrey Howe in the run up to his third full Budget. For, as every reader of this newspaper knows, they stand for the mediant-term financial strategy, which is Sir Geoffrey's personal contribution to the form and content of the Budget speech.

The MTFS when it was unveilled after much internal argument and agonizing about the wisdom of giving such a hostage to fortune, was not to be confused with an old-style "national plan". It was concerned only with those very few things over which the Government has actual control.

ment has actual control.

These were asserted to be govern-

These were asserted to be govern-ment borrowing, government spending, government taxing and the supply of money in the economy. Targets for each of these magnitudes were set our for the four years to the end of this Parliament in a pattern consistent with a steady fall in the rate of inflation. It is necessary to spell out the bits of the MTPS in order to see the practical

For at the heart of the strategy "is a target for a steadily deckining growth. of the money supply, that is set along-side policies for Government spending and taxazion which will underpin that objective" (Chancellor, March 26, 1980). The rationale of this policy was that "inflation cannot persist in the long run unless it is accommodated by an exterior of money and an excessive expansion of money and

Credit. When, eight months later, the Chancellor was once again standing to make a mini-budget statement to the House he had in effect to admit that as of that moment all previous statements about monetary targets had become inoperative. "But", he said, "I shall announce a new target in the Budget." In the time that has passed since that promise last November attitudes to monetary targets have undergone something of a change. The measure

than the March 1980 version.

The MTFS waking nightmare, however, is not really to do with the money supply targets which have caused so much embarrassment. Certainly there are technical and presentational problems in this area. It seems to be proving, for example, much more difficult than the Chancellor supposed in November to produce a sensible definition of money that separates out retail deposits in the banking system. The central problem for the Chancellor has much more to do with what he called the underpinnings, government spending and taxation. ing and taxation,

For in order to achieve the orderly reduction of monetary growth and in-flationary expectations over a four-year period, without creating extra and intolerable upward pressures on interest rates, the strategy assumed a steady fall in the volume of government spending over the four years, combined with a steady growth of tax and other revenues over the same period. This was to have given the Government a borrowing re-quirement, falling both in absolute

quirement falling both in absolute terms and plummetting as a percentage of the gross domestic product from 32 per cent in the current financial year to 12 per cent in 1983-64.

Alas, as we already know, this year's horrowing will not be £8,500m, but nearer £13,000m to £14,000m. More serious from the point of view of the MTFS, two years of continual public expenditure cutting exercise has resulted in a situation where spending levels this year will be some 12 per cent higher than they were forecast to be higher than they were forecast to be

higher than they were forecast to be at the outset.

The chances of the volume of public spending actually being reduced year by year over the rest of this Parliament are effectively zero. For it is clear that Mrs Thatcher's government has exhausted its physical, emotional and political capacity to go through another major cutting exercise. And in that case the inherent upward pressures for more spending will reassert themselves in the next three years.

# Trouble on the road to Alexandria

Going into a joint venture with a government-backed company ought to be a fairly painless procedure. Chloride, the world's largest manufacturer of car batteries, obviously mought so.

hatteries, obviously thought so. It was wrong.
Chloride Egypt was established last year as a joint venture between Chloride and the Egyptian public sector General Company for batteries, "Genbat". Production is due to start at a new plant in 1982. Last June, however, the company ended up in the Egyptian courts.

It faced the charge that it was a "conspiracy against the Egyptian public sector"—and the possibility of an immediate injunction bringing the project to a halt. In December, after six months of hearings, a lower court found in favour of the court found in favour of the defendants. Now the case goes to the Egyptian Supreme Coun-

to the Egyptian Supremodil for review.

The case was brought by two local unions, the General Engineering Union and the Genbat Labour Union. The defendants are Chloride Egypt, the Egyptian ministers for and the Egyptian ministers for economics and industry, and Genhar's chairman.

The unions have been backed, Chloride's legal advisers claim, by "well known left-wing sympathizers", who oppose the breaking up of Egypt's unwieldy public sector, established as part of Gamal Abdul Nasser's ineffective industrialization programme during the 1950s and 1960s.

By taking Chloride to court, the unions were making a public attack on President Sadat's open door policy, which leeks to attract toreign invest ment by offering a number of incentives, with the aim of increasing Egypt's poor industrial Had Chloride lost the case,

the effects on future investment by foreign companies would have been disastrous, says Mr Andrew Cameron, Chloride Egypt's managing director. As it is, news of the case has already driven away at least one major investment project from Egypt, and stalled invest-ment decisions by other com-

panies.
Mr Cameron dismisses as "scurrilous accusations" the charges brought against Chloride, which included allegations that Chloride was a "bad" company, that illegalities had taken place in the establishment of the joint venture, and that Chloride had been granted a monopoly.

The single charge with substance was that Chloride will employ only 70 per cent of the workforce at the existing Genbat lead acid factory, which will close down when the new plant starts production. But the

remaining 30 per cent, who as public sector workers cannot be dismissed, will be reabsorbed elsewhere.

elsewhere.

In Chloride's view, the company will benefit the local economy. The liatteries produced by the new plant will be of an international exportable-standard, unlike Genbar's present near guality product. present poor quality product.

Local newspapers have been aggressive. The government newspaper El-Masaa carried a long two-part erticle on the affair, under the banner head-line "100 per cent successful Egyptian company being sold to unsuccessful English com-

pany".
Chloride was being given benefits. "no less than these received by de Lesseps when he built the Suez Caual", the article suggested. This was an apparent reference to the 4 per cent royalty on net profits which will go as a licence fee to the Chloride group. Accentuating the charge of "foreign exploitation", a cartoon showed a fang-toothed capitalist, wearing a hat labelled
"foreign companies" swallowing an Egyptian peasant,
marked "public sector".
Such criticism has not been

lost on the Egyptian Government. In June last year, Dr Abdul Rezzas Abdul Meguid, the deputy prime minister for the economy, stated that no more deals of the Chloride more deals of the Chloride variety would take place. He denied charges by union leaders that the public sector was being "sold off". For Chloride, the affair has

been a frustrating waste of time and effort. We have just spent three years of negotiations to get ourselves established, and now we find ourselves involved in civil -litigation at our own expense," says Mr Cameron, "even though no illegilities had taken place, we had to go to a lot of trouble to prepare a proper defence."

Nor has the path for Chloride

Nor has the path for Chloride Egypt been smooth in other directions, Allotted a place on an "industrial estate" on the desert road to Alexandria, the company has found itself entirely responsible for providing infrastructure.

"We have had to build our own road to our site." says Mr. Cameron. "We are having to pay for the electricity to be supplied from the distribution station, and we are having to

station, and we are having to build the distribution station for the electricity authorities. "We are now having to lay our own four-kilometre pipeline

for water, and we are having to put in our own sewage disposal units. There are no plans for laying cables, no telephone and no plans for telephone lines."

Kate Finch

# Raising the roof over rates

The campaign by business against local authority rate increases, which has been rumbling on for the last year or so, oning on for the last year of so, will reach a new crescendo tomorrow at the monthly meeting of the grand council of the Confederation of British Industry.
Mr. Bryan Rigby, the CBf's deputy director-general, will present a review which warms members to prepare for in-creases which could average at least 20 per cent. His report is likely to stoke up the bitter re-sentment felt by industrialists. Some angry words are going to be heard in the council cham-

Mr Rigby argues that instead of 20 per cent, average rate in-creases this year should be, practically nil since last year's rates were based on projected expenditure 5 per cent higher while precise details of the increases are still being finalized, it is already clear that there are considerable varia-

tions. Metropolitan areas in general will be bit hardest and particularly large rise are ex-pected in inner London. The CBI, whose Centre Point

headquarters comes within the Camden boundaries, is expect-ing a 50 per cent rise in its own rates bill. This will add about £250,000 to our over-heads, the equivalent of about 40 jobs, and we cannot put up subscriptions by anything like that amount. Mr Rigby points out, adding wryly that the only consolation is that the TUC (whose headquarters are only a few streets away) is in the same

"The place where it is really North and North-west: Sheffield is expecting to have to pay 37.6 per cent more this year while at Leeds the increase will be about 25 per cent. Rate levies are totally out of proportion to companies' ability to pay."

The absence of any relation-

ship between a company's prosperity and its hability for rates explains why businessmen are bitter not just about the increases but about the whole rating system. An unprofitable business on

the point of closure and working short-time will pay the same as if it was operating prosperously at full capacity.

Patricia Tisdall

The CBI calculates that rates payments have grown from 9.7 per cent of gross profits in 1973 to 11.3 per cent by 1977. For this financial year it is estimated by Professor Foster of the London School of Economics. mics that this proportion is in the region of 35 per cent.

Businessmen feel that rates are an unfair local tax because are an unfair local tax because they have no democratic control over what they pay or how the money is spent. While some local government services such as roads, planning, education and housing are vital to busi-ness, others like parks and personal social services are less important. Thiless they live in mportant. Unless they live in the same area as they work, business ratepayers have no vote in local elections and so do not have the normal channels through which to ex-

press their views.
The problem is that the CBI at least does not think that any of the various alternatives suggested so far (including the replacement of domestic rates by a local income tax as proposed by Mr Gerald Kanfman, the Opposition spokesman on the environment, at the week-end) would be any improve-

Not that Mr Rigby or the confederation have been idle. There has been much activity on two fronts during the past year. At the local level indivi-dual employers are being urged to apply self help by involving themselves in the affairs of their local councils—encouraging employees to stand as coun-cillors; scrutinizing local authority accounts and expenditure plans; relating the cost of rates to jobs, prices or other specific yardsticks and generally joining in a constructive dia-logue with their town halls.

At national level, there is more or less continuous toing and froing between the CBI and Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for the Environ-ment and his departmental offi-

Some small encouragement is drawn by three specific measures designed to help busi-ness ratepayers which were introduced in the 1980 Local Government, Planning and Land Act. These gave business ratepayers the right to pay by instalment; reduced the maxi-mum which could be levied on empty premises, and suspended the mandatory surcharge on un-used commercial property which was introduced by the 1974 Local Government Act.

More important, Mr Rigby thinks, is the obligation now placed on local authorities to start producing information in a form which will enable comparisons to be made more easily between the performance of different local authorities. The next step will be the pro-duction of definitions of the standard of service provided, so that "people can choose whether to have a Rolls-Roycu standard in some services and pay accordingly".

This comparative information should start to be published this year as part of the rate demand note. The new annual reports which local authorities will be required to publish should start appearing next year. But everyone concerned, particularly Department of Environment officials (who are said to be "appalled" at the prospect of having to draw up the definition) agree that there are problems in defining standards of service.

"I really would not expect dramatic results in only a year." Mr Rigby says with resignation. Nevertheless, he considers that some definitions must have already been worked out by Department of Environment officials in order for the new system of block grants to have been introduced. Improved quantification and evaluation of services is also taking place as more councils consider using outside contractors and start weighing up tenders on a value for money basis.

As far as the immediate future is concerned the CBI, as well as the chambers of commerce and other business representatives, are pressing for an upper limit on business rate increases to protect their members from excessive local authority spending and for mothalling relief, which would exclude business property which is temporarily out of commission from liability for rates, as a modest stop gap.

# Business Diary: Mars bringer of lore • Moneysyllabic

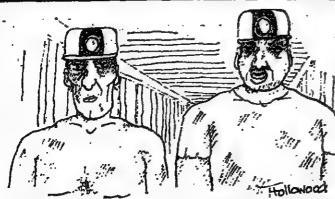
anagers, beware — another nd of "ologist" is moving in tell you your business. He is Gerald Mars, an authrologist at the Middlesex Poly, to has written what could be seminal article for Rain, the wletter of the Royal Anthrological Institute.

Mars's article, entitled "The thropology of Managers". rs there is not any such thropology, although there ould be because managers 2 so thick that they need to put right, and secondly. Cause this "virgin field" "the greatest opporlity" for the employment of

thropologists. The main drawback, however, not the intransigence of nagers, but that anthropolots themselves are too dim ars says "ethnocentric") to the main chance.

Mars illustrates his article th examples of management's n ethnocentricity. He cites ks (unperceived by all save ssing anthropologists) beeen the failure of a piecenk scheme and the sex life factory girls in the north of igland and of a warehouse remen promotion scheme in nning Town, London, which undered because it upset the en's system for distributing

Hen goods. By some stroke of manageent, good or otherwise, the Anthropological Institute now offering up to 75p for argently needed" back num-



"With stocks as they are how many years would a coal strike have to last?

The Prime Minister's repeated assertions that her Government will not have recourse to the printing presses to finance higher public spending—likely to be reiterated when the money supply figures come out on Thursday—must be a continual source of puzzlement to the 2,000 workers at the Bank of England's printing works at Loughton, Essex.

as many notes as it prints. With about 34 notes for each head of the population circulating at any one time, the Bank has to scrap and print 30 of these every year just to keep the circulation constant.

What then does Mrs Thatcher mean by "printing money"? She is in fact talking about government borrowing from the banks. If the Government cannot borrow enough from the

There, every day, they print about eight million crisp bank-notes—worth about £30m—to be checked, bundled and wrapped (appropriately on an adapted bread-wrapping machine), and sent out for eventual distribution by the commercial

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before becoming too dirty and
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canor borrow enough from the non-bank public, by way of gilt-edged stock or national savings, for example, it can continue to write out cheques to pay for its spending in the normal way. These cheques get deposited with the recipients' banks, who turn to the Bank of Eng-

land for payment.
Instead of bouncing the banks.

Not surprisingly £1 notes

Not surprisingly £1 notes

have a busy but brief existence

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with government IOUs such as the Bank pays them with government IOUs such as the stocks. Treasury bills and government stocks. Triuming money thus denomination notes last rather means selling more government debt to the banks, not also ideas rather than products that Bank of England scraps nearly issuing more oncers and fivers. would sell.

Sir Kenneth Corfield, chairman and chief executive of ITT's Standard Telephones and Cables, now heads the short list for the chairmanship of the Government's projected Engineering Council, seen as the new watchdog body for engineers following the publication of the Finniston report on our manufacturing ills.

He has dividaced from pele

He has displaced from pele position names like Lord Calde-core of Delta Metal and Sir Robert Clayton of the General

Sir Kenneth is one engineer who successfully crossed the divide into management and has a reputation as a hard-nosed

a reputation as a hard-nosed realist.
Engineering institutions, as ever, are still agonizing over how far to support the new council and the question is how far Sir Keith Joseph, the Industry Secretary, will go in allowing the council's charter to be watered down.

Sir Kenneth, who is a fellow of engineering, is unlikely to want to take over an organiza-

of engineering, is unlikely to-want to take over an organiza-tion which, as somebody remarked recently, could so easily turn into a seized-up lawmower rather than the massive "engine for change" called for by Sir Monty Finnis-ton. But if he takes the job it should indicate that he has Sir Keith's backing in turning the Keith's backing in turning the new council into a power in the Although Sir Kenneth has steered clear of politics he is no stranger to the Whitehall

oo stranger to the Waitehall corridors, particularly in his work with the National Economic Development Office for which he produced a paper, before Sir Morty's report, slamming engineers who chased ideas rather than anothers than



The Institute of Trade Mark Agents, the people who stop you pinching other people's names-or their pinching yours -celebrates its 40th anniversary in 1984.

By then, however, Itma hopes to have put paid to a contro-versy almost as long-running as the wartime radio comedy pro-gramme of the same name. This is the question of whether the institute, which has 800 members, should or should not merge with the older-estab-lished Chartered Institute of

Patent Agents.

It has been droning on for 10 years, and Keith Havelock, Itma president the leader of the promerger faction, tells me it is going to be a close thing. . He says the merger would enhance the standing of trade mark agents. A younger element says the same could be achieved

by an autonomous but more lively itma council. There is to be an Itma pow-wow in London today, followed by the issue of voting papers and a decision in April-perhaps. Ross Davies

Annual Report for the year to 30th November 1980

Total assets rose from £75m, to £103m. Net assets per share reached a new high of 145p - an increase of 47%.

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# Index suffers sharpest fall in two months as fears of miners strike hits confidence

sharp reverse yesterday. ments of around £1 were Securities down 10p at 396p and

As the three-week account recorded. entered its second stage, jobbers encountered heavy profit tumble 8p to 292p as jobbers taking as investors offloaded bought stock. Glaxo lost op to stock after recent gains.

Not even the trade figures, announced at 3.30 pm and at Lucas Industries 3p to 159p, the better end of expectations GKN 4p to 148p and Metal Box with a net surplus of £957m. 6p to 186p. BOC International during January, offered any reporting later this week easedconsolation to equities. Dealers 2p to 118p. could only look on and watch - Adverse comment ahead of

Confidence was also badly Lloyds itself, where the that the present slump would be worse than that of 1929-32, 365p. Sentiment was also upset The falling pound has CE after hours by rumours that Heath 10p higher at 208p. Willis one of the smaller institutions

was in trouble and about to go As a result the FT Index, steady at 94p. But among the which had drifted all day, closed 8.7 lower at 484.5, its fell 1p to 149p, General biggest fall since December 11.

However, there were several bright spots particularly in insurance brokers where the latest fall in the value of Sales Profits Earnings Div Pay Year's sterling, after recommendations by Prof Alan Walters, the Prime Minister's economics adviser, pushed prices higher.

Government securities re
Company Sales Profits Earnings Div Pay Year's fine per share pence date total per share pence date total per share. Prime 1.25(1.5) 8/4 2.7(2.7) 1.25(1.5) 1.25(1.5) 8/4 2.7(2.7) 1.25(1.5 sterling, after recommendations by Prof Alan Walters, the Prime Minister's economics adviser, pushed prices higher.

Fears of a confrontation covered in the wake of the trade Insurance 4p to 356p and Sun S between the miners and the figures but turnover was des- Alliance 2p to 752p. Government combined with the cribed as low and conditions latest gloomy report on the thin Rises in longs ranged up after recent improvements with economy sent share prices into to E4, while in shorts improve. MEPC 5p cheaper at 236p, Land

> Leading industrials saw ICI 264p, Unilever 5p to 453p, Hawker Siddeley 6p to 266p,

as prices drifted steadily lower. Lloyds Bank's figures on Friday Talk centred on the miners' saw another shakeout in banks, strike today and memories of, where speculation persists about brunt of yesterday's reversal the Heath Government's down- a windfall tax in the Budget on March 10.

affected by a report from the market is taking a pessimistic Charterhouse Group that the view, dropped 11p to 325p. end of destocking by companies Barclays fell 11p to 395p, while presented a "false dawn" and Midland 13p to 325p and National Westminster 11p to

> Faber put on 8p to 286p and Sedgwick Group added 3p to 121p. Minet Holdings held composites Commercial Union Accident 4p to 292p, Royal sible outcome of the bid by

Properties saw profit taking Hammerson "A" 20p lower at Thursday, slipped 2p to 53p. 635p. But MP Kent rose 6p to 118p after announcing a City of London property deal worth £2.4m and Countryside Properties hardened 2p to 79p on the formation of a new property investment company.

Shares of Thomson T-Line were suspended at 67p after a bid approach and the sale of J. F. Nash of its 11 per cent

Leading industrials bore the stemming from the miners' threatened, strike action. Among those most severely hit Beecham where rumours over 1m shares on offer at 183p sent the price plunging

stake to an unknown buyer, Meanwhile, shares of Crest International returned to the market in their new form at 10p and quickly rose to 14p. On the bid front, London Sumatra rose 3p to 358p on further consideration of its approach to Harrison & Crosfield, 13p stronger at 788p.
In foods comment on the pos-

Latest results

changed at 263p while United Biscuits was 2p lighter at 86p. 631p, Racal 1p to Associated Fisheries reporting Plessey 2p to 301p.

frey Davis at 170p while adding 4p to Henlys at 81p and 4p to Geers Gross at 64p. But adverse mention left Carrington Viyella 1:p easier at 11:p in textiles. specularive buying ahead of igures due out in April added 21p to Queen's Moat Hotel at 41p with J. Jarvis another firm spot, 14p better at 166p. Profit taking left Matthew Hall 21p lower at 345p and in engineering Davy Corporation retreated another 6p to 142p still fighting

off the advances of Enserch from the United States. In shipping, Reardon Smith "A" ended a good run, slip-ping 6p to 149p along with Walter Runciman, 5p off at 138p. Recent losses continue to upset Manchester Ship Canal, down at 151p.

The tight conditions of late in stores showed some easing with GUS "A" 1p lower at 485p, BHS 2p off at 154p and Boots down 7p at 245p, House of Fraser closed 1p down at 144p after the release of the official offer document from Lourbe, unchanged at 99p. Rediffusion climbed 6p to

124p in electricals after the sale of its Hongkong interests with Sound Diffusion harden-

S & W Berisford, down 1p at ing 3p to 79p on the back of 180p, and now resting with the press comment. Elsewhere in Monopolies and Mergers Com. electricals, Hoover eased 2p to mission, saw British Sugar un- 128p ahead of figures this 128p ahead of figures this week while GEC lost 15p to 631p, Racal 1p to 338p and

Drake & Sculi managed a 1p Favourable weekend comment rose to 340 despite a profits was good for a 13p rise in God-setback which had been widely setback which had been widely

> Oils spent a lacklustre session with prices marked sharply lower despite the general lack of selling pressure. Among the majors BP fell below the 54 mark with 10p fall to 398p while Ultramar shed a similar amount at 473p and Sheli lost 8p to 410p. Burmah was another weak market, losing 5p to 179p, as was Lasmo, down 25p to 644p. Berkeley Exploration slipped 3p to 243p.

RTZ was the main feature in an otherwise dull mining sec-tor, rising 10p to 398p amid press comment. Cons Gold Fields improved 3p to 426p in sympathy, Among gold shares, W. Rand Cons advanced 6p to 171p, Bracken Mines 7p to 155p and Middle Wits 20p to 660p, but Elsburg Gold fell 8p 164p and Sentrust 10p to

Equity turnover on February 13 was £119,607m (15,228 baras fills,60/m (15,228 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were GEC, Shell, ICI, BP, Godfrey Davis, Fisons, GKN, Plessey, Land Securities, Beecham, Geers Gross, Marks & Spencer, Metal Box, Racal, Cons Gold and Distillers.

Traded options: The setback in equities resulted in a quiet session, although Marks & Spencer attracted 355 contracts out of a total of 708.

Traditional options were also in a subdued mood although calls were made in FNFC at 21p and Newman Industries at

# Gold price fall hits mine profits

By Michael Prest Mining Correspondent

Despite Vaal Reefs's strong finish to its financial year, the December quarter results from the Anglo American group mines show the gathering im-pact of the falling gold price. Among the Transvaal mines, Vaal Reefs carned R123m after tax and the state's share of profit, compared with R90.1m in the September quarter. Profits for the year were R377m (£209m) sgainst R183m

In common with most other mines, however, Vaal Reefs's average gold price received fell in the final three months. After making \$656 an ounce in the September quarter, the last quarter fell by \$6. The year's average was \$632, more than twice the 1979 figure.

The two other major mines to complete their year were Elandsrand and Western Deep Levels, Accidents cut Elandsrand's profits from R11.2m in September quarter to R2.56m. But profits for the year—only the 'mine's second full year of production—were R37.1m compared with R6.34m.

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Hemfray and Co: Chairman, Mr D. E. Gillam, says in his annual statement that he can now see signs of a recovery. Expected that first half of current year will show a reducing loss, but the full benefit of the closures, reduction in overheads and the introduction of new ranges should flow through to enable Homfray to regain the volume of sales which has been lost while this modernisation and streamlining has been taking

United Overseas Bank, the largest local banking group in Singapore with total assets exceeding SS7,000m and 83 branches and agencies worldwide including a full-branch office in London, has established a facility for the issue of American Depositary Receipts in its shares through Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York. The issue, only the second of the condition of the condition of the second of the condition of the condition of the second of the condition of such facility ever secured by a Singapore domiciled bank, will greatly facilitate American in-vestment in UOS shares.

perties: Turnover for half-year to October 31, 1980, £1.39m October 31, 1980, £1.39m (£700,000). Pretax profits £176,000 (£156,000). Interim dividend, gross, raised from 1.42p to 1.78p. No tax charge expected for full

Sumrie Clothes: Mr Harvey M. Ross has increased his holding to a total of 225,000 shares (9 per

Cawdaw Industrial Holdings: Ferguson Industrial Holdings have acquired a further 25,000 ordinary shares and now own a total of 535,000 ordinary shares (10.52 per

Crystalate (Holdings).: Recent rights issue of £2.09m, 93 per cent convertible unsecured foan stock 1999/2000 accepted as to 85.88 per

Guinness Peat Group has bought 80 per cent of H. F. Staiger, for \$400,000 (about £175,000). New York-based Staiger is in the im-portation and distribution of natural and synthetic rubber to the North American market.

Hampton Trust: Recent rights Issue accepted for 94.78 per cent.
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United Biscuits, is to acquire Aunt

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1980 High	a1 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Divip)	Yld	P/E
75	39	Airsprung Group	63		6.7	10.6	5.7
44	21	Armitage & Rhodes	43	_	1.4	3.3	17 <i>.</i> 7
192	921		190	_	9.7.	5.1	7.1
98	88	Deborah Services	95		5.5	5.8	4.7
126	88	Frank Horsell	105	_	6.4	6.0	. 3.3
110	51	Frederick Parker	51		11.0	21.6	2.3
110	74	George Blair	74	_	3.1	4.2	_
110	59	lackson Group	106	_	6.9	6.5	4.0
124	103	James Burrough	120	_	7.9	6.6	9.8
334	244	Robert Jenkins	330	_	31.3	9.5	_
53	50	Scruttons "A"	53	_	5.3	10.0	3.8
224	215	Torday Limited	216	-	15.1	7.0	· 3.7
23	10	Twinlock Ord	114	_		_	_
90	69	Twinlock 15% ULS	. 72	_	15.0	20.8	_
56	35	Unilock Holdings	39	_	3.0	7.7	6.0
103	\$1	Walter Alexander	103	+2	5.7	5.5	5.7
263	181	W. S. Yeates	262	-1	12.1	4.6	4_3

J. Hepworth & Son: British Land has sold 100,000 shares, reducing its total holding to 2.28m, or 5.3 per cent of the total equity.

International Petroleum: Trading in the company's shares is to start on the resource section of the Vancouver Stock Exchange. Main assets of IPL are two concessions off-shore Ras al Khaima, one of the United Arab Emirates.

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Westminster and Country Pro

Portals Holdings: Recent rights issue of £9.02m of 91 per cent convertible, unsecured loan stock, 1994-2000, accepted for 95 per cent. Malaysia Rubber: Net revenue, after tax, for nine months to December 31, 1980, £40,000 (£37,000).

Futura Holdings: Board expects pre-tax profits for 1980 to be in the. region of £148,000; 1979's pre-tax profits were £161,000, before extraordinary items.

Millie's Sauces, a privately held United States company. Terms of the purchase were not disclosed.

## Trevian placing raises £1.2m

By Our Financial Staff

Unquoted property company Trevian Properties has raised £1.2m through a placing of shares and debenture stock with six leading institutions. The placing was carried out by over-the-counter market-maker, M. J. H. Nightingale. Two more financing exercises

are under way at Trevian. The £1.2m raised so far is to expand its commercial property development, dealing and investment activities. Trevian has properties in London and the Home Counties; East Anglia and the Midlands. The shares and first mort-

gage debenture stock have been placed with the six institutions

by Mr David Dutton, who has bought, managed and developed property primarily for Associa-ted Restaurants and a subsidiary of Associated Newspapers, Crowvale Properties. Now Mr Ronald Shields, managing director of Associated Newspapers, is to join Trevian's board as a non-executive director, as is Mr B. J. P. Cotton, a partner of accountancy firm Stoy Hay-

**UK TRADE** 

The following are the January trade figures seasonally adjusted and corrected on a balance of payments basis for known recording errors.

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1979 1980 1980 1980	Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Aug Sepi Oct Nov Dec	Em visible balance -3.497 +1.174 -388 -320 +616 +1,265 -29 +344 +476 +423 +367 +757	Exports fob 40,587 47,354 11,871 11,915 11,700 11,868 3,781 3,910 3,913 4,005 4,006	Imports 109 44,184 46,180 12,259 12,235 11,034 10,502 3,810 3,527 3,537 3,530 3,530 3,538 3,249
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ers for visible trade, seasonally sed and the terms of trade index, seasonally adjusted, issued yester-by the Department of Trade.

1	(1975=100)				
- 1			Volume	Volume	Terms of
. 1			export	Import	trade
	1979		125.6	125.6	706.1
1	1950		127 8	119.1	103.9
	1979	O1	1.90.1	114.5	107.6
4		Q2	136.3	130.2	106.6
		Q3	128.1	723.Q	105.9
		Q4	730.1	128.9	103.5
	1980	Q1	131.4	124.5	101.0
		Q2	128.3	125.8	103.4
	ļ.	Q3	124.7	115.6	105 5
	į .	Q4	126.5	110.4	105.6
	1980	Acq	. 120.8	117.9	105.0
		Sept	123.9	110.6	105 3
		Oct	124.8	107.1	105.4
4		Nov	127 9	111.6	106.0
ı		Dec	127.1	1126	165.5
١	1991	Jan	123.7	100 6	106.4
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RETAIL SALES The following are the ligures for the volume of retail sales released by the Department of Trade:

	volume vi (seasonally a adjusted) % (1976=100) ye	djusted) change or
1979		
1st Qtr	105.8	+14
2nd Otr	113.0	+20
3rd Otr	106.6	+15
4th Otr 1980	109.1	+18
1st Otr	110.2	+20
2nd Qtr	109.2	÷13
3rd Qtr 1920 •	108.9	+ 14
Aug	109.B	+13
Sept	108.5	+13
Ote	109.7	+ 12
Nov	103.2	+11
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#### Honda deal

United Car and Diesel Distributors, Daimler-Benz's 27 per cent owned South African affiliate, has signed an agreement with Honda to produce Honda cars in South Africa.

# Manchester ship plan for docklands

After last year's losses, Mr D. M. Redford, chairman of Manchester Ship Canal, tells shareholders in his annual statement that he cannot hold out any prospects of a return to profits for the current year. However, the directors plan to do everything possible to re-

vitalize the company's dock-lands and to open them up for new enterprises involving new lob opportunities. Mr Redford said their clear aim must be to restore the company's fortunes by redeveloping its assets, though progress will be tempered and controlled by the national economy, the recovery of its employment out-

look and the vicissitudes of

MP Kent pays £2.4m for London property

MP Kent has exchanged con-tracts with a wholly owned subtracts with a wholly owned sub-sidiary of Reed International to purchase for £2.4m a vacant property at 6-10 Norwich Street, near Holborn Circus, London.

The site has a planning approval for a new office block of some 39,750 sq ft.

Construction is expected to begin later this year and be completed within 18 months.

Interim profits rise.

at Deborah Services Deborah Services, sales for the half year to September 30 were £14m compared with £9.6m, Profit before tax totalled £760,000 against £746,000 and the interim was 1.21p.

The chairman said that with

the benefit of long-term contracts and continued involve-ment in North Sea oil the our-look for the rest of the financial year was satisfactory. He was confident that the company would maintain and improve its

handed over the first commer-cial fluidised bed boiler to burn

by Countryside

formed a new company—
Countryside Investments—
which will be jointly owned by
Countryside and Barlow Hold-(with 40 per cent each) and Majedie Investments, with

and Majedie investments, with 20 per cent.

This new property investment firm is to buy from the developers, Countryside Properties, the main shopping element of the Neighbourhood Centre at North Melbourne, Chelmsford, for £1.82m.

This charming scheme is ex-This shopping scheme is ex-

First-half warning from Deanson

The shortage of orders has continued in all divisions since the last year-end. Deanson are printers and packagers.

#### Australian interest for Low & Bonar The Low and Bonar Group

has bought almost 15 per cent of Electrical Equipment of Sydney, a publicly-quoted com-pany, in a \$A2.02m (£1m) deal. Low's acquisition of 14.125 per cent of Electrical Equipment's capital creates a valuable trade and technological link,

# sion. It has now completed and

New company formed

Countryside Properties has

pected to be completed in April and comprises 38,000 so ft under one roof, with parking

The indications are that the first half-year's profits at Deanson (Holdings) will be lower than the similar period last year, Mr J. Wilcox, the chairman, told the annual meet-

# the group had to set aside £901,000 in deferred tax, the main component of a total tax. charge of £1.15m.

This year the group has set aside no such provision, thanks to proposed changes in tax law on stock appreciation relief. That took the total charge down to £690,000, which meant that net profits ended only £2,000 down at £1,48m.

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Scull dips

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but payout

By Peter Wainwright .

Drake & Scull Holdings, the

mechanical, electrical and gen-

eral engineer, lifted turnover from £73.06m to £94.7m, but

lowered pretax profits from

£2.63m to £2.17m in the year

to October 31. But dealers

were relieved that the fall was

no worse and the directors, led

by Sir Monty Finniston, main-

tained the gross dividend at

3.93p a share, with a 2.15p

The shares duly hardened 1p to 34p. At one time last year they were 47p.

The fall reflected a loss from

one of the associated companies

and competition pressing on

profit margins, But in 1979,

The group has also taken credit for the sale for £551,000 of the Greyfriars Centre, Ipswich. The result was that attributable profits actually rose from £173m £272m Farm from £1.73m to £2.72m. Earnings a share (before extraordinary items) slipped only slightly from 6.7p to 6.2p.

At half-time, shareholders were told that unavoidable delays in several big overseas contracts were to blame for a drop of nearly 40 per cent in pretax profits.

The group has, then, made good its indication of turnover for the year bearing £80m and recovered in terms of profits to the point where annual pro-fits were only 17 per cent

There is still, however, no word of the group's acquisition programme. In the last accounts, the lare chairman spoke of an active appraisal of several companies. But no

n resources. With the latest figures, it is reported the prospective bidders, are bolding out for a price natheat shareholders' funds rose directors of Kwik-Fit (Tyres asset value and the Merri by £1.86m to £4.86m.

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# Rediffusion sells Hongkong TV stake for £9.7m

Rediffusion, the 58 per cent-owned British Electric Traction on the sale. subsidiary with interests in telebroadcasting, is finally curring its losses in Hongkong. In a £9.7m cash deal, Rediffusion is selling a controlling interest in its 81 per cent owned television station, Rediffusion Tele-vision Ltd. of Hongkong (RTV) to a consortium of Australian

The station has been a peren-nial lossmaker ever since Rediffusion was granted a broadcasting licence in Hongkong seven years ago and with ungroupable. annual losses in the region of E2m a year, has been a constant drain on the group whose latest results for the half-year to September 30 showed pretax profits of £6.97m on sales of £108m, Mr David Smith; company

secretary, said that RTV hasn't made a profit yet," but was not prepared to disclose the accumulated loss over the years.
We haven't ever published them he said. However, on the basis of £2m annual losses, RTV is thought to have cost Rediffusion well over £10m since its inception, because of its failure to lift ratings and draw enough advertising

Rediffusion retains 19.9 per cent in RTV but with no obliga-

tion to provide further capital

on the sale Of the HK\$120m (£9.7m) con sideration, HK\$80m is for the property and the rest for other assets, plus a small element o goodwill. The deal is subject to approval of the Hongkong gov

eroment. Relieved that Rediffusion ha finally extricated itself from Hongkong losses, the stock mar ket pushed the shares up 6p.t 124p, adding nearly £5m to the group's market value. The Australian consortium

which ends up with 61.2 pe cent of RTV, leaving existing Hongkong shareholders wit 18.9 per ceut, comprises Davi Syme and Co and Henry Jone (IXL) involved in newspaper and broadcasting respectively The third member is RTZ su sidiary, CRA with a wide rang

of mining interests.

A joint statement read: "Ta consortium is confident that h combining its management an media expertise with existing skills at the station, RTV wi build its ratings and achiev good profits." Rediffusion, which has a 1

per cent interest in Thame Television and 17 per cent c Capital Radio, is expected t shortly awarded sever. licences in a new pilot schem for cable television.

# Possible suitors for **Thomson T-Line**

By Peter Wainwright Thomson T-Line Caravans of Falkirk could well have found suitable suitors after nearly nine months of searching. Mr David Thomson, chairman, and his colleagues asked for a halt to Stock Exchange dealings

yesterday.

They said they were in talks
"which may or may not result
in an offer". In April last year Mr Thomson, whose family interests control three fifths of the shares, asked Kleinwort Benson, the merchant banker, to find a buyer for the family

The shares duly rose 3p to 68p, valuing the group at £1.1m. Yesterday the suspension price was 67p. Last year's high was 80p. The shares, a difficult market, were last dealt in nearly a week ago at 45p. Be-fore that the last business done was on December 22.

The announcement of an ap-

proach was only one of a series yesterday. J. F. Nash and Partners said that they had sold their entire holding of 186,000 shares or 11.5 per cent. Margetts & Addenbrooke, East, Nastan the Brandschap backers. Newton, the Birmingham broker, outstanding prospects on acting for a discretionary insured will also be fewer carming would prove to be a year of opportunity for companies with well proven management and one opportunity for companies with well proven management and one opportunity shares, 4.94 per cent af the total.

came into the group whe Kwik-Fit bought their compan Euro Exhaust Ceutre Holding in October 1979 in a £10.46 deal that made the combine group the biggest independent tyres and exhaust system retailer in Europe. The pament was of £3.5m in cash ar 12m new Kwik-Fit shares. I Morton is an accountant at Mr Merritt was once a pan

from the Kwik-Fit board la It is thought that the two vans in new ways. The growthey would be taking overtalks succeed had net assets share of 146p at end Decemb 1979. Shareholders' funds we £2.7m and overdrafts £1.5. Freehold properties were k valued in 1979. It is thong that Thomson has land zone for housing a few miles fro

beater. Mr Morton resigna

Grangemouth Carayan business in gener has slumped, and Thoms slong with it—net losses we f61,000 in the first half... last year and it is still bad.. is, however, a cyclical busines and companies tend to recove

of the total.

Around 30 were made rem
Mr Morton and Mr Merritt, dant last year. But Kleinwort

Business appointments

# **New directors of Barclays International**

Mr Michael Rowlinson, Mr Kemp head of one of the depart-Michael Wood, Mr Noel Beadle and Mr David Mann have been groups. Mr D. H. Twyford has appointed international Bannes threators of Barclays Bank Inter-national. Mr W. R. Russell has Mr David Whittaker has been

mission. He has been a part-time member since 1976.

The Export Credits Guarantee

national. Mr W. R. Russell has been appointed chairman and Sir Harold Smedley deputy chairman of the London board of the Bank of New Zealand.

Dr Romald M. Cresswell has been appointed to the board of the Wellcome Foundation as group technical director.

Mr John Eccles has been appointed a deputy chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. He has been a partitime

services group.

Mr David Whittaker has been appointed group legal director of the Racal electronics group.

Mr David S. Armitage has been appointed managing director and thiel executive of Educates Walker & Co. Mr Randal T. Huston and Mr

Andrew C. H. Smith have been appointed to the board of Ewart New Northern. Five new appointments to the board of Asda Stores, are: Mr Michael Allison, director produce;

Mr John Cope, director finance; Mr David Gransby, director devel-

Barry Mosley, director six operations, north; and Mr Ke Sidngler, director store operation Mr W. M. J. Grylls MP has be appointed to the board of Vesp

Mr Richard Gray has beco managing director of Page B (Norwich), a member of the B rison Printing Group. Two box appointments announced by B Les Aaron's and Mr Peter le Sa Mr Colin Pugh has b

appointed a director of Mon Mr Charles Denton has been director of programmes for 4

Caparo Group

# The next big step for the reticent Mr Paul

Department has made Mr R. T.

Last week Hanson Trust bowed out of the battle for control of the West Midlands holding company Central Manufacturing & Trading, selling its stake in CMT to rival bidder Caparo—the little-known but biquitous private investment company of Mr. Swraj

For Hanson, the decision to withdraw must have been a bitter one. The successful conglomerate is something of a veteran of takeovers, had spent considerable time and effort as a minority shareholder on seeing CMT steered back towards recovery and has had to swallow a fim loss on its 13.3 per cent stake in CMT. For Mr Paul, on the other hand, the deal is eminently satisfactory. With nearly 35 per cent of CMT, Caparo must now have an excellent chance of gaining control. "For us, it's a very big step", Mr Paul says.

His Caparo Group already has an extraordinary assortment of investments in quite unrelated industries. In the quoted sector the Caparo portfolio includes 5 per cent stakes in ceramic and metal products group Al Industrial Products and in shipping group Walter Runciman, a near 30 per cent holding in Barrow Hepburn, 18 per cent in Assam Frontier Tea and 14 per cent in toymaker Berwick

Property is another important constituent. Investments include a long lease on Ambika House—the headquarters of the British Council in Portland

the headquarters of the British Council in Portland Place—joint ownership of the four star Osborne Hotel in Torquay and a £5m to £6m development scheme on the south coast near Bournemouth.

Mr Paul is clearly a man of means but he is reticent about the finances of Caparo. He points out, with characteristic courtesy, that one of the privileges of a private company is not having to publicize such matters. However, he broadly agrees with reports that Caparo hes a net worth of only with reports that Caparo has a net worth of only about f3m and about f10m of long-term debt. In fact, Caparo has been built up mainly with horrowed money and if the CMT acquisition goes through, the f14.5m for this will be financed with further bank loans.

Mr Paul became a British citizen in 1976, ten years

after he first arrived in England, but his ability to command such large resources goes back to his roots and connexions in India, where he was, he says,

"born into business".

Mr Swraj Paul, chairman of Caparo Group.

He grew up above his father's steel factory and after training as an engineer in the United States he joined the family business, which he later inherited with his three brothers.

Called the Apeejay Surrendra group, it interests ranging from steel and engineering pharmaceuticals, hotels and shipping. It empl 10,000 to 12,000 and is negotiating to buy 12 st. "Technically speaking, I have no interest Apeejay Surrendra," Mr Paul says, noting that is excluded by his British nationality. "But we a very close family."

Apart from being able to call on these formide industrial ties as evidence of his creditworthin Mr Paul and his family are evidently close to. Indian Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Ghandi, whe probably explains some fanciful City rumours ! Mr Paul was backed by the Indian government. Paul coordinated Mrs Gandhi's visit to this cont-Mr Paul's career in England began with a su

making spiral welded tubes. Mr Paul expanded w a £5m steel tube factory at Tredegar in South Walargely financed by £3m of loans from the Depment of Industry and European Coal and 51 Caparo first appeared on the City scene in I when it bid for Empire Plantations and Investme and Single Holdings, two tea plantation compar-linked by directors and cross-shareholdings.

steel trading business. Then came the acquisition North Gas Tubes, a small company in Hunting

Caparo lost the first round in a battle B remarkable for the abuse shelled out by the direct of Empire and Singlo. But two years later Cap won Empire and still has a 26 per cent stake Singlo—now a food and drink manufacturer distributor, having sold its tea plantations to Capi With Empire came a stake in L.K. Indust investments, where Caparo now has 70 per cent is seeking to develop the company. But the only I profit earner in the group is North Gas Tubes, where still made a profit in 1980 despite the steel slut The bid for CMT is an attempt to add another prearner to a group that is primarily a diverse invenent company, but which will fook "much in homogeneous in two years' time," Mr Paul Says-Of course it remains to be seen whether Cap or Marcon has the last layer over CMT, which

or Hanson has the last laugh over CMT, which a chequered past. But Mr Paul is cheerfully optimi that its worst problems are over.

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R was very steady. — Bullion a fixing levels!.—Spot. 505.259 rep ounce (United States centilent, 1272.90): three months. Op (1372.90): three months. Op (1393.40c): aix months. Op (1393.40c): one year. Op (1499.80c): London Metaloge. — Afternoon. — Cash. 572.—Three months. 559-540p. Sales, 15 of 10.000 troy ounces each. Rg. — Cash. 554-565.0p: three A. 581-581.5p. Settlement. p. Sales, 45 jots. 68.05p (+0.77); POTATOES (Gaits):—April, £57.60; Nov. £55.80; Feb. £65.30, Sales: 55 lols (of 40 toughs each). NOV. E.S. MU: Feb. E.S. 30. Sales: 55 lois of 40 longs each;

TEA.—Assan CTC's conlinied to make the competition on wonday and prices were frequently 2p to 4p per kilo dearer reon against the improved level recorded at last week's close the collicial report sale. Banghadash les, so the other hand, received less import and shed 2p to 1p.

East African CTC's opened brequier, but closed fully firm, with brighter types given dearer, particularly dust. Malawi and Mezambique less came into the record dearer, particularly dust. Malawi and Mezambique less came into the good demand at steady fates.

There was good demand for Caylons and South Indians at generally firm roies. Caylon dust grades were a strong feature.—Reuter. INIUM was barriv steady,—
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A.—The London daily price of s was £8.00 lower at £260; whiles prices was £8.00 lower at £260; 0.55.00 "May £27.50-58.00; 237.50-58.00; 35.00-56.25; Oct £31.75.52.00; 235.00-56.00; May £25.00-57.50; May £25.00-77.50.

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Gold production rises in S Africa

Johannesburg, Feb 16.—South African gold production rose to 53,733 kilos, or 1.3m ounces, in January from 52,716 kilos, or 1.69m ounces, in December, but was still below the 56,239 kilos, or 1.81m ounces, produced in January last year, Chamber of Mines' figures show.—Reuter.

LME metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes, except silver, which is in troy ounces). Copper fell 1,475 to 120,323; The rose 195 to 6,460; Lead fell 3,975 to 66,825; Zinc fell 3,75 to 92,175; Aluminium fell 2,500 to 47,925; Nickel rose 12 to 3,954; Silver rose 20,000 to 26.57m.

Discount

Foreign exchange report

The dollar made fresh gains at the expense of all major current states (washington's birthday).

The dollar made fresh gains at the expense of all major current states (washington's birthday) and contributed to conditions that necessitated the provision of large-scale help by the authorities. Rates for fresh secured money held the area of 14-132 per cent throughout, mostly the upper end of that range. There was a very large excess of was in renewed demand on expectations of another rise soon in United States interest rates. Business and to figure substantially.

The dollar made fresh gains at the expense of all major current. States (Washington's birthday) to starting sained some encouragement described index. The pound's trade-weighted index.

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05-15p disc
2-1pl prem
05-15p disc
23-70c disc
23-70c disc
180-60ore prem
245-27sore disc
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Gold futures in 100 oz sterling lots

By Michael Prest

As the gold price obstinately resisted an early recovery, falling \$6.50 yesterday to \$486.50 an ounce in London, the committee of the London Gold Futures Market announced officially that its new contract would be traded in 100-ounce lots denominated in sterling. At the same time, the European Options Exchange, based in Amsterdam, said that its own market would open on April 2, so stealing a lead over American markets anxious to launch gold options contracts.

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Marker is a company formed by the Meral Market & Exchange and the London Gold Market. The former specializes in base metals, and the latter is the bullion market of which the five top bullion dealers are members

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Dealings on the European
Options Exchange will be priced
in dollars, while the minimum
contract will be 10 ounces. It
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futures options market, although applications have been made by American exchanges
to the Commodity Futures
Trading Commission for permission to start similar contracts.
Traders on the Amsterdam
exchange will be able to buy
options for a maximum of three. allowed only one seat. Other options for a maximum of three, details remain to be settled, six or nine months.

# Daimler-Benz improves despite difficult conditions

Group sales of Daimler-Benz, the West German vehicle manufacturer, rose to DM30, 700m (£6,140m) in 1980 from DM27,400m the year before, the company said yesterday. Foreign sales rose by 17 per cent to DM16,900m.

The company said the improvement in sales and a

International

growth in interest earnings had helped to improve profits but it gave no details. In December the company said ir expected satisfactory 1980 profits, after net world group profits of DM637.8m in 1979.

The group said that sales to the Middle East and North Africa rose considerably last year. It noted also that it was the only West German car producer in 1980 to raise its domestic market share, which added up to over 10 per cent edged up to over 10 per cent from 9 per cent in 1979.

- In an interim report to share-

holders, Daimler said it was

able to raise sales and produc-

tion levels last year, despite generally difficult conditions.

Pioneer expects upturn

tion of Japan says it expects
to report increased consolidated
difficult circumstances, such as net income and sales for the business year to next Septem-

However, after an 8 per cent drop in overall care sales in West Germany last year, it is unlikely the trend will continue in 1981 owing to poor expectations for the economy and foreseeable additional burdens on the year certar during the year. the car sector during the year, Daimler said.

The group refused to give any definite figure because of uncertainties, including foreign exchange rate movements. Last of new audio products", the year group net profits were company said.

Pioneer Electronic Corpora \$90.6m (£40.3m) on sales of

sluggish economic situations in Japan and abroad and the continued yen appreciation, Pioneer should be able to improve business results because it plans to introduce a number

20 pc profits fall forecast at Toyota

Toyota Motor Co says it expects after-tax profits of 114,000m yen (about £235m) for the business year ending June 30, a fall of more than 20 per cent from last year's record 143,000m yeu. Sales, however, are expected to rise slightly to a record 3,350bn yen from 3,300bn a year earlier.

Toyota said worldwide sales competition would become even

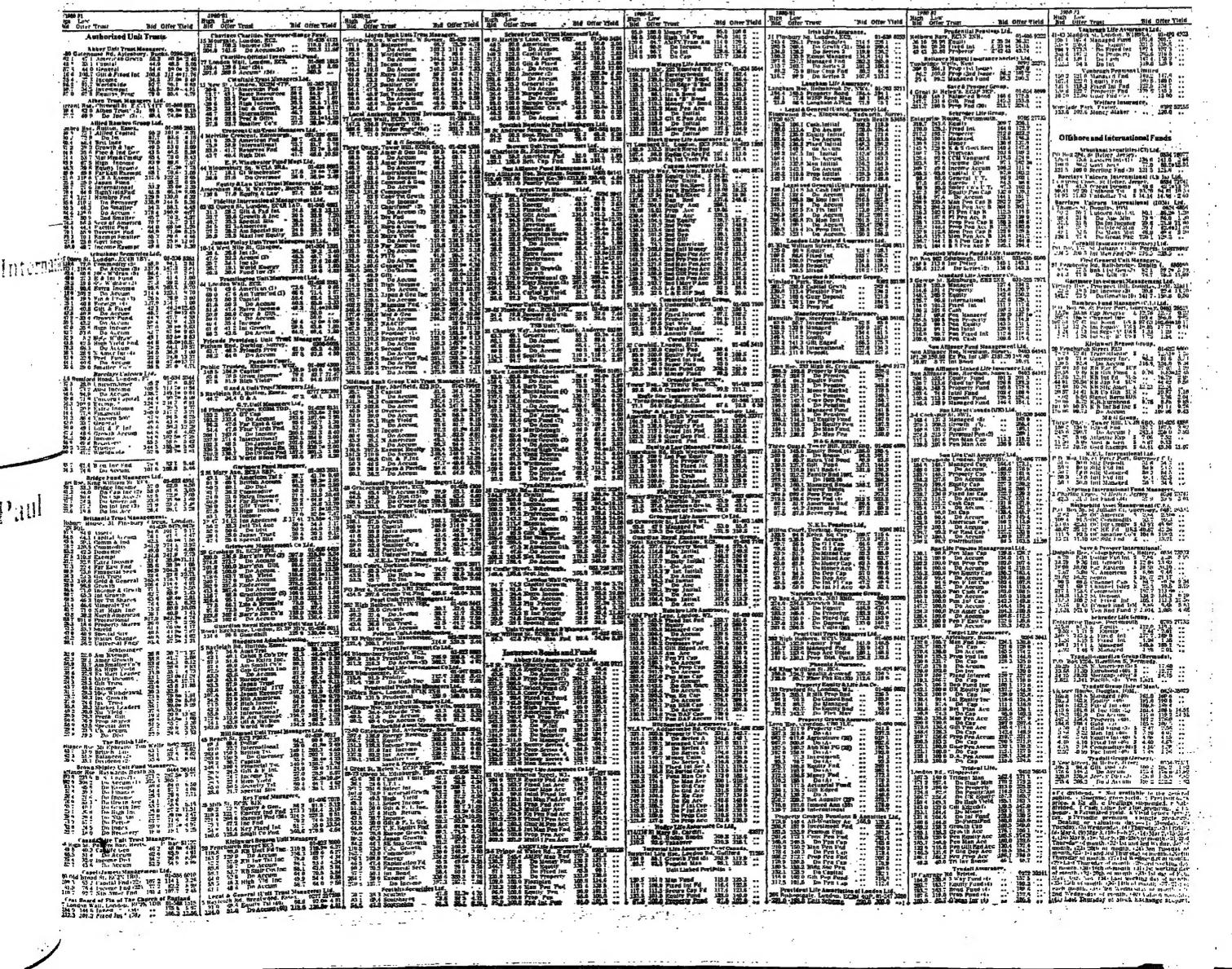
competition would become even fiercer during the year.

It expects total sales in calendar 1981 to total 3.3m vehicles composed of 1.7m for export and 1.6m in domestic sales, compared with 1.79m and 1.49m respectively in 1980.

Toyota added that production of kits should total 100,000 this year, against 90.000 last year. The group earlier reported a 12.1 per cent fall in after-tax profits for the first half to December 31, to 57,200m yen from 65,000m on sales of 1.6600m yen, up from 1,5500m in the first half a year ago.

Profits before tax and special items fell by 21.1 per cent to 102,900m yen from 130,400m the previous year, while operating profit was 47.4 per cent lower at 55,700m yea. Its interim dividend was unchanged at seven yen.

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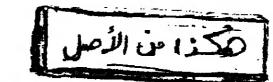
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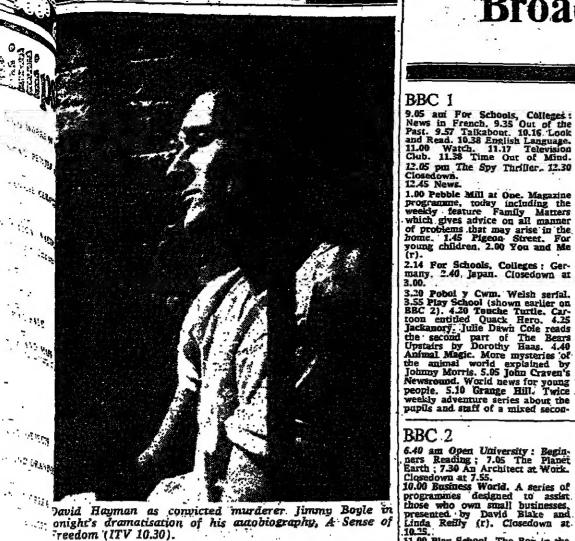
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David Hayman as convicted murderer Jimmy Boyle in onight's dramatisation of his autobiography, A Sense of

It would be a pity to miss it but if you are squeamish, dislike oul language, recoil at the sight of blood and abhor scenes of riolence then don't watch A Sense of Freedom (ITV, 10.30 pm). t is a very realistic dramatisation of the autobiography of aimmy Boyle, a small time hoodlum who has spent nearly all its life, from feenage to the present, inside prisons. His last onviction was for murder (to be imprisoned for at least fifteen ears) but his psychopathic hate for authority has meant that he will be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure for a few years pore. The part of Boyle is played with remarkable realism by lavid Hayman. The character he portrays is constantly in the cars whether with the warders or rival gangs and if he really cars, whether with the warders or rival gangs and if he really eccived the amount of punishment we are shown tonight then don't know how he survived. What struck me was that there was ever any mention of psychiatric reports which, with one so iolent, he must surely have had. Other characters in the story are relicit, ne must surely have had. Other characters in the story a relicit, notably Fullton Mackay as the police inspector who rentually gets his man and Roy Hanlon as the Chief Prison officer. John Mackenzie directed, Jeremy Isaacs produced and he wonderful atmospheric music is by Frankie Miller.

Battleships are the subject of the first programme in a BBC eries about fighting ships (Seapower, BBC 1 7.40 pm) presented y Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Hill-Norton. He traces the history if the big gun armoured warship from the first steel-hulled he adnought through to the giant American, Alabama, over which he Admiral takes us on a guided tour. But even this majestic restel is now obsolete, along with the rest of the leviathans, and the reasons why are explained in detail. There is very good are of archive film showing the ships in action but unfortunately he Admiral seems a little stilted in his presentation which jars gainst the smoothness of the script.

If you are young, affianced or newly married and thinking of uying a house and the only battleship you are interested in is a electronic board game then listen to Radio 4's Buying a Dream 7.50 pm). With reporter Anne Brown we learn of the hurdles let by two young couples who are trying to buy their first home.

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# **Broadcasting Guide**

Edited by Peter Dear

#### TELEVISION

BBC 1 9.05 am For Schools, Colleges: News in French, 9.35 Out of the Past, 9.57 Talkabout, 10.16 Look and Read, 10.38 English Language, 11.00 Watch, 11.17 Television Club, 11.38 Time Out of Mind, 12.05 pm The Spy Thriller, 12.30

1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Magazine programme, today including the weekly feature Family Matters which gives advice on all manner of problems that may arise in the home. 1.45 Pigeon Street. For young children, 2.00 You and Me (r). 2.14 For Schools, Colleges: Germany, 2.40, Japan. Closedown at 3.00.

3.00.
3.20 Pobol y Cwm. Welsh serial.
3.55 Play School (shown earlier on BBC 2). 4.20 Tenche Turtle. Cartoon entitled Quack Hero. 4.25 Jackanory. Julie Dawn Cole reads the second part of The Bears Upstairs by Dorothy Haas. 4.40 Animal Magic. More mysteries of the animal world explained by Johnny Morris. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. World news for young people. 5.10 Grange Hill. Twice weekly adventure series about the

weekly adventure series about the pupils and staff of a mixed secon-

Linda Reilly (r). Closedown at 10.25. 11.00 Play School. The Box in the Attic by Gladys Davies is the story this morning and the programme is presented by Lucie Skeaping and Ben Bazeil. 11.25 Speak For Yourself. Advice for people who have English as their second language. This morning: Explaining your tardy arrival at work. Closedown at 11.50. 2.30 pm Roads to Conflict. Part six in the ten-part series that explains the origins of the Arablished dispute (r). 3.00 Propaguida with Facts. The first in a series of six programmes about the cinema and public opinion in the 1940s (r). 3.30 A Child's Place. Part one in a series of six Place. Part one in a series of six

9.30 am For Schools: Simple Arithmetic; 9.47 A study of the Church of England; 10.04 The keepers of diarles, logs and journals; 10.26 Bill Grundy on the Isle of Skye; 10.48 A-level chemistry. 11.05 Elementary mathematics; 11.22 Taking care of your feet; 11.39 The problems and delights of young family life. 12.00 Jamie and the Magic Torch. Cartoon adventures of a boy and

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12.19 Pipkins, Educational pup-pers, 12.39 The Sullivans, World War Two with an Australian

1.00 News read by Peter Sissons. 1.20 Thames News.

1.30 Crown Court. Continuing the trial of a journalist who is accused of setting fire to her lover's house (r). 2.00 After Noon Plus presented by Judita

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dary school. 5.35 The Perishers. Animated version of the Daily Mirror comic strip with the voice of Leonard Rossiter.
5.40 News read by Peter Woods.
5.55 Regional news magazines. 6.20 Nationwide in which Bob Wellings visits the Selicik Pestival in the Scottish Lowlands.
6.45 Ross Rossic Cartes Time

6.45 Rolf Earris Cartoon Time. Four more cartoons featuring Bugs Bunny, Tom and Jerry and Roadrunner. 7.15 Taxl. Comedy series based on the drivers of the Sunshive Cab Company of New York and their passengers. York and their passengers,
7.40 Seapower presented by
Admiral of the Fleet Lord RillNortou. Part One: Bartleships (see
Personal Choice). 8.40 When the
Boat Comes In. The first in a
brand new series starring James
Bolan as Jack Ford who returns
to Liverpool in 1930 after six
years of mixed fortunes in the
United States,
9.00 News read by Richard Baker.
9.25 Play: The Kamikare Ground

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9.25 Play: The Kamikare Ground
Staff Reumion Dinner. A comedy
by Stewart Parker set in present
day Tokyo. Every year since the
Japanese surrender the ground
staff have a celebratory dinner to
homour their dead colleagues. This
year one of their number makes
an inflammatory speech stating

on the rights
Closedown at 3.55.
4.50 Open University: Using
Public Libraries. 5.15 Interviewing
Technique.

5.40 Charlie Chaplin: The Vaga-bond\* (1916). Charlie falls for a grpsy girl who turns out to be an heiress. 6.15 Maggie. The first part of a

6.15 Maggie. The first part of a serial based on the four Maggie books written by Joan Lingard. The story concerns a teenaged girl and her family who live in a new tower block in Glasgow. It marks the television debut of kirsty Miller in the title role and once you have mastered the broad Glaswegian accent the more enjoyable it becomes. Part two is on Thursday.

6.40 Under Sail. A look at the Sea Cloud, a four-masted barque which was once the wedding present of heiress Marjorle Hutton. The ship is now on charter for ES5.000 per week.

6.55 News with sub-titles for the hard-of-hearing.

7.00 Film: River of No Return.

Chalmers. This afternoon the painful tonic is Migraine. 2,45 The Mallens. Another torrid episode dealing with scandal and romance in nineteenth century Northumber. land (r). 3.45 Unforgettable. Alan Freeman introduces non sounds.

freeman introduces pop sounds from the past with help from The Fortunes and The Foundations.
4.15 Dr Sungsles. Cartoon adventures of an old inventor.
4.20 Take a Chance. Another episode

about the guests of the Rose Marie theatrical guest house. 4.45 Ace Reports. Live news and entertainment for pre-teenaged children, 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News with

5.45 News. 6.90 Thames News with Andrew Gardner and Rita Carter. 6.25 Help! with Viv Taylor Gee. Information about the National Association of Victim Support Schemes which offer comfort and advice to people who are victims of any kind of crime. 6.35 Crossroads. It's more like Spaghetti Junction. 7.00 Looks familiar.

minates in the last kamikate mission of all.

10.35 Omnibus: Words Fall Me...
A film based on the Beryl Bain-bridge novel A Quiet Life starring Elizabeth Spriggs and Peter Jeffrey (r). 11.35 News headlines.

11.35 Platform One. Bob Wellings interviews Jane Ewart Biggs on the effect the assassination of her husband had on her life.

12.05 am Weather.

that the real heroes were the pilots who returned. This heresy cul-minates in the last kamikaze mis-

(1954) starring Robert Mitchum and Marilyn Mouroe. Set at the time of the 1875 gold rush, Mouroe plays a saleon singer who falls for farming widower, 12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Weather. falls for farming widower, Minchum.

8.30 Russell Harty. Exclusive interviews with members of the cast plus a preview of the long-running Broadway musical. The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas. Also, Rod Steiger is interviewed.

9.00 Pot Black 81. Alex Higgins and David Taylor play the eighth frame of the series. It is the first time they have played each other in a Pot Black competition. As always the action is introduced by Alan Weeks and described by Ted Lowe.

9.25 Ireland: A Television History. The penultimate programme in the series written and presented by Robert Kee. This evisione covers the period from 1921 to 1974 when a Protestant general strike foiled an attempt of power sharing.

10.45 Newsnight. In depth analysis of the main news. Programme ends at 11.35.

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guests who recall the variety entertainers of the Thirties and Forties. 7.30 Bognor. Part three of the comedy thriller starring David Horovitch. 8.00 Robin's Nest. The first in a new comedy series about the fortunes of

series about the fortunes of 8.30 Janet and Company with Janet Brown and Tim Barrett. The talented impressionist in a new series featuring - all favourite characters: .

9.00 Cover. The Machiavellian boss of the Government's spy testing department orders his two subordinates, to investigate one another without either suspecting.

19.00 News.

19.30 A Sense of Freedom. A dramatisation of the autobiography of convicted murderer Jimmy Boyle (see Personal Choice). 12.15 am Close with Hugo Young.

Radio 4 6.00-am News. 6.10 Farming. 6.30 Today. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.

Radio 3 dent. 10.30 Daily Service.

Bob Leng. 11.35 Wildide. 12.00 News.

3.00 News. 2.02 The Good Soldier Sveik (5).† 4.45 Story: The Towers of Trebi-zond (10). 5.00 PM. '6.00 News. 6.36 Brain of Britain 1981.†

7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Medicine Nov 8.35 Voices in Harmony † 9.05 in Touch 9.30 Kaleidoscope.

10.00 News. 10.30 Earthsearch, by James Fol-10.30 Editated to the left (7). †
11.00 A Book at bedrime: The Harpole report 17).
11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament.

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(16). 11.30-12.10 am Open University: Biology, Brain and Behaviour; The Kizaemon Oldo Teabowl.

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6.55 am Weather.

7.00 News.

7.05 Records: Rebel, Schubert.

Villa-Lobos, Grieg. (8.00-8.05
News.) Berlioz, Weber, Henry
Bishop, Mendelssohn.†

9.00 News.

9.05 Week's Composers: Dunstable and Power. table and Power †
9.35 Beaux Arts Trio : Haydn,
Mendelssohn, Schubert † Mendelssohn, Schubert.† 11.15 Harpsichord: Byrd, Martin Peerson, Giles Farnaby, Couperin,

Peerson, Giles Farman,
Scarlatti.†
11.50 Song Recital: Hindemith,
Rarber, Poulenc, Mendelssohn, Schumann.t 12.20 pm BBC Welsh Symphon; Orchestra: Mozart (part-1). Orchestra: Mozart (part 1).

1.00 News.

1.05 Six Continents, 1.25 Mozart concert (part 2).

2.00 Chamber music: Rossini.

2.25 Test Match. West Indies v England.

4.55-News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure † 7.00 Conversation with Artists. David Hockney and Edward Lucie-Smith. 8.00 Mozart live from Festival Hall \$.00 Mozart live from resuval man (part 1).† 8.55 Talk: Aspects of St Joan. 9.15 Mozart: part 2. 9.50 Play: The Kingdom of Alle-monde, by Garry O'Connor, with Anna Massey as Maggie Teyte:† 11.00 News. 11.05 Maggie Teyte (record). 11.15-11.30 Test Match (review).

VHF with mf above except: 5.55 am-6.55 Open University: Women; The 'X Club ' in Belfast, 1874; Interlude. 2.25 pm Beethoven's last three Plano Sonatas.† 3.45 Concert : Vierne, Henri Mulet, Duruffe .+ 4.25-4.55 lazz: records. 11.15-11.45 Open Univer 'Silence', by Harold Pinter. University:

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5.00 am Bob Kilhey † 7.30 Terry
Wogan,† 10.00 Jimmy Young,†
12.00 David Hamilton,† 2.00 pm Ed
Stewart.† 4.00 Much More Music,†
6.03 John Dunn,† 8.00 The Leading Ladies,† 9.00 Cricket: First
Test. 9.30 The Songwriters,† 10.00
The Law Game, 10.30 Funny You
Should Ask. 11.00 Brian Matthew.
2.00-5.00 am You and the Night
and the Music,†

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5.00 am As Radio 2. 7.00 Mile Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.00 Andy Peebles, 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 12.45 Paul Burnett. 2.30 Dave Lee Travis. 4.30 Steve Wright. 7.00 Talkabout. 8.00 Richard. Skinner, 10.00-12.00 John Peel.; VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 9.00 pm The Songwriters.; 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-5.09 am With Radio 2.

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As Thames except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Gardening Today, 1.20-1.30 News. 2.45-4.15 Looks Familiar, 5.15 Tales of Crime. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.20 Job Scotl. 6.30 What's Your Problem 7.00-7.30 Rummerfalls Farm. 12.15 am-12.20 Rummerfalls Farm. 12.15 am-12.30 Tyne Tees

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12 John's not short of cash 17 Places where different clubs

18 Declared a defaulter, as a this (5).

19 The end for all classical this (5).

24 Decply romantic fissure in Xanadu's hillside (5).

23 About to get fish out of river, to economize (8).
25 Poish enthusiast (4).
26 The shape, frankly, of the Cape of Good Hope (10).
27 Chancellor sadly docked two quid for trespass (8).
28 Pictures men of intelligence to include others who are backward (6).

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2 Somewhat idle-sounding flower-girl (5).
3 Many a mugger MO's reformed in this big world (9).

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20 Leading centre-half hit-out of the race (6).

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10 Whence Corporal Violet was able to return (4).

13 Fire mostly to scare birds

15 Old-style cowboy there— and new-style? (8).

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23 About to get fish out of

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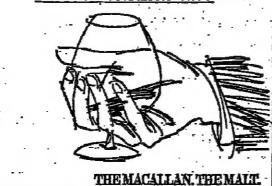
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